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Angels do not have wings
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Angels are the army of the Lord

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What the Bible teaches concerning angels

1 Introduction

1.1 The Christian View of the Creation of the Universe

At its best, the cold impersonal scientific view of the universe is that of mind over matter and at its worst it sees the universe as a soulless machine. In contrast to this the Bible portrays it to be full of living personalities.

My sincere desire for you, dear reader, is to see and recognise the heart of the message. It is not merely the quoting of verse upon verse or line upon line but in this introductory, I would urge you to focus on the fact that we are busy with the things that are not seen. In this study we are going to see that there are personalities, some of which are angels who are involved in our lives on a much deeper and direct level than we could ever realise. We are going to see what their activities were in the days of the Bible and what the Bible has to say about that and what the Bible has to say concerning their role and purpose in the last days. Should we not therefore be tuned in and alert to recognise their doings, for the Biblical view is of living personalities all around us? The Bible acknowledges the Law of revelation, of the Will of a Godly Creator who is wisdom, love and power, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Ephesians 3:15
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

These beings in heaven and upon earth form a family circle which exists within two territories as it were and yet they are one in their entirety. It is therefore not surprising when we see that members of the family circle administer the laws of the universe. These two groups of family circles of which the one family is the *visible* (of course it is us) and the other family circle, the invisible which consists of the angels. We are much more connected than we could ever imagine. By merely perceiving that of the senses or the material and refusing to believe in an order of spirit beings simply because we cannot see or feel them, would make us the victims of our senses and this would be truly tragic. We must not deprive ourselves of such a greater life.

Let’s see what angels have done:

It was an angel (a messenger according to the Greek) or then an angel messenger of the LORD who smote the Assyrians - one hundred and eighty five thousand Assyrians according to Isaiah 37:36;
It was an angel who stood in the stubborn Balaam’s way – Numbers 22:22-35;
It was an angel who strengthened Elijah – 1 Kings 19:5;
An Angel who spoke to Daniel – Daniel 10;
Angels holding the four winds of the earth – Revelation 7;
And who pour out the vials of wrath upon the earth – Revelation 16.

So-called science has depopulated the universe and has made of it an empty space. The Apostle Paul speaks of principalities, powers and rulers in high places ‘in the heavenlies’. (Ephesians 6:12) God delegated His Will and Power to countless beings of much greater power and wisdom of which man could ever dream. The visions of that world as given to Ezekiel and in the book of Revelation demonstrate forms of life totally different to which we are accustomed. Man is most certainly not the sole inhabitant of the universe.

Before I move on to the next paragraph I would like to draw your attention to the fact that reading the Bible – many of you perhaps have never thought of it, I certainly never did for years - that the Bible is actually concerned with God’s relationship with this earth. The Bible says very little of God’s relationship with the other facets of His creation. To take an even closer look at what the Bible says - God has a relationship with one peculiar nation on earth and that nation is Israel. The Bible does not say very much about the other nations except where they come into contact with Israel and their influence on them whether good or bad, in conflict or in war or as the henchmen of Satan to attack God’s people. That’s about all that is said about them. Therefore the Bible does not deny the fact that there could be other worlds with other beings on them.

The Bible does not rule this out. However, to us and for our purpose of studying this topic which is, how does our relationship on earth coincide with these angelic beings which are invisible, except where they appear in visible form for a special purpose and speak with audible voices. Let’s examine these instances in the Bible. We are always surrounded by the supernatural. Let us read the following Scriptures.

Psalm 34:7

7 The angel of the LORD, encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psalm 103:20-21

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

The Bible gives us a few remarkable examples of the hosts of the LORD. Read 2 Kings 6 and 2 Kings 2:11 where there came a fiery chariot with horses to physically take Elijah up into heaven. We will get to 2 Kings 6 in the course of our study but let's just look at 2 Kings 2:11. For most of you it is probably a very well-known account but let us read it together starting with verse 7.

2 Kings 2:7-12

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together; and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over; that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless,* if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee, but if not, it shall not be *so.*

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them into two pieces.

The Bible is a marvellous Book to study. Here where Elisha looks up and says 'the Chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof' - the Bible mentions this in various places where it speaks of the chariots and horsemen of God

that appear on the scene on behalf of Israel. A typical and wonderful example is in Revelation 19:11 and in 2 Kings 6. We'll get to it shortly. That is where Elisha and his servant Gehazi were surrounded by fiery chariots and horses of the LORD. This reminds me of Joshua (Joshua 5:13-14) when he stood outside of Jericho just prior to their attack on Jericho, then Joshua saw a Man standing with His sword drawn in His hand, whereupon Joshua asked him 'Art thou for us, or against us?'. He then said 'Nay; but as Captain of the host of the LORD am I now come'. He also said 'the place whereon thou standest is holy'. The hosts of the LORD - so there are hosts in heaven and God has his Army Commander. We shall see in this study – as we have seen in a couple of other studies – that in these end times and 'Jacob's trouble' when Christianity is threatened, that these hosts of heaven are going to play a very prominent part in the protection, security and the saving of God's people. We shall look into this aspect more closely further on.

1.2 The Christian Viewpoint Concerning Man

The Bible does not see man as the end result of an implicit evolution process but that he was specially created in the image and likeness of God with a mind, memory, imagination and love – a being that was intended for relationship with God and to have the status of a Son. How wonderfully unrestricted are the possibilities of man!

Please read 1 Corinthians 3:21-23, 6:2-3; Romans 8:17; Ephesians 1:19-23 and Philippians 2:9-11 just to see what the Lord had intended for man.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come, all are your's;

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

1 Corinthians 6:1-3

Listen – believe God's Word and read it with your imagination but also with your spirit as well as your mind.

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

We will yet judge the angels. I believe – well, think it through first if you do not agree with me - God created man as such a wonderful being that He found it worthwhile enough (to use an earthly term if I may) that He gave His Son to die on the cross so that He could bring them back to God. The Lord Jesus said what would it profit a man to win the whole world but lose his own soul? What can man give as sacrifice for his soul? This proves the worth of a man. In God's eyes one man is worth more than the entire world. These mighty beings, the angels are those whom I want to discuss in this study.

Paul writes to the Corinthians, he says that the day will come when we shall judge angels. In other words, we shall have angels directly under our authority. However, now already to the true believer the Lord has given the angels as servants. Science tells us, I think it is general knowledge and a fact that we use only 10% of our brain capacity. That is merely what the average man uses. I wonder with how much of our spirit ability we work and live? We have a rich and mighty inheritance in the Lord Jesus. Look at the prophets for instance, take as an example Elijah who hits the water with his mantle and the water subsides. Just think of the wonderful things the prophets did. Look at the mighty things that happened in the days of the Lord Jesus. Why not today with us? One of the many reasons is that we began to limit God. Without realising it we have created God in man's image instead of realising that God created man in His image. We said to God, perhaps not in words but nevertheless we've said we want to look and see first whether or not something is possible with God or not. That is what we do instead of believing God according to what His Word says about Him. Yet we shall judge angels?

Let's look at Romans 8:16-17
16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ! What a rich inheritance we have! Please meditate upon that for a while.

Ephesians 1:19-23
I'm giving these Scriptures only for you to see man's relationship concerning the angels when we get more closely acquainted with them.
19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power;
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places.*
21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.
22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church.
23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

This is the exceeding greatness of His power.

Philippians 2:9-11
9 Therefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Praise the Lord! May we keep the depth of that in our hearts and we shall see it further on. If Adam hadn't sinned, what heights man could have reached! As a result of sin mankind has fallen far behind the beings of other worlds but we are saved by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ and a wonderful and glorious future awaits the Redeemed. Jesus died for mankind not for the angels neither for any other beings of other worlds – if there are other worlds – He died for us. Therefore God has prepared a future for mankind which is far above that of the angels. Let us live in that light and take into possession our heritage.

Man chose to side with that other part of the great family who rebelled against God namely Satan and his multitude of fallen angels. It is Satan's jealousy of the high calling of man that incites his hatred towards mankind.

By the Cross of Jesus Christ, God reconciled man and opened the way to forgiveness and the new birth. Man cannot save himself but he must accept God's provision in Christ for himself and choose positively against Satan. That decision will determine the future and eternal destiny of each man personally.

We read in 1 Peter 1:12 that the angels desire to look into this high calling of man for they do not share in God's omniscience neither in the privileges of mankind. Man will only fully take possession of his inheritance at the Second Coming of Christ. The angels however will be the ones who will separate the tares from the wheat. Let us read the following Scriptures in Matthew 13:39-43; 49-50 and 24:29-31 to see what part the angels will have in the Second Coming of Christ. This is the parable of tares that were sown between the good seed and we see the explanation of our Lord Jesus concerning it.

Matthew 13:39-43 ; 49-50

39 "The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom or their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

You can imagine the spectacular events awaiting us. Yet, unless you ask the Lord to open up your mind and your spirit you will not be able to see into these things. Why then is it in the Bible? It is either true or false. Therefore we must be careful not to simply read the Bible that it doesn't mean anything to us or on the contrary, that we limit God and say 'Oh, it cannot be true'. When you think about it, how many people are in the world that live godless lives; the state this world is in today; how Christianity is

being threatened by barbarism, savagery, terrorism; all these nations who are congregating to destroy Christianity, our White nations of Southern Africa who are still Christian nations who still stand for Christianity.

If the angels have to come to remove them, what an immense task! How will they be transported? These unbelievers who had nothing to do with God and His laws – they will not have glorified bodies and will not be able to go up into the air by themselves. They will have to be transported and that is what the angels will do! What a mighty event that will be. You see when you consider these things and take God's Word literally then a completely new aspect of His Word opens up to you. The Word will become alive and many more wondrous things will unfold before your eyes.

As I am saying these things, I'm also asking the Lord where I should go from here in this study – some of you have listened to the tape called Flying Saucers - the study is available at our office. Though there are those who say 'No Pastor Neser that is mere speculation', I can support each statement I make with Scripture and ask the question how do you explain it then? That is your choice. When the angels come to separate the unbelievers from the righteous, how do others explain it then? How will it be done?

Let us read Matthew 24:29-31

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

What an enormous intervention that will be! Our efforts with air armadas, the air bridge of Berlin during the sixties, these are nothing in comparison to what is described to us here – think upon it! The sun that will be darkened, the stars falling from heaven – what consternation! The nations of the earth will mourn because of the terrible things that will come upon the earth and the Lord will send His angels to gather His elect. This is a

fascinating scene unfolding before the eyes of your imagination when you allow yourself to ponder on it.

Let's continue. The other members of this great family will certainly be very interested in the ultimate salvation of mankind. We believe that we are far into the night already and dawn is almost breaking when the angels are going to play a very important role in this event (which is at the very door). Mankind is in danger of total annihilation. There has always been intensive interest from the other world where the angels live in the affairs and crisis times of mankind. The Lord Jesus spoke of the great joy of the angels of heaven over one soul that is born again.

Luke 15:10
10 Likewise. I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Angels have visited the earth many times and probably still do.

Read Hebrews 13:1-2
1 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Therefore some have entertained angels without knowing it. In other words according to this Scripture, the writer of Hebrews must have known of instances where people with brotherly love have entertained strangers only to discover that it was an angel! We will see more of this further on.

As we are drawing closer to the end of this dispensation we can expect to see an increase of activities from the other world. Do not be surprised when it is discovered that flying saucers are closely linked to these encounters. Please see my study on Flying Saucers – it contains many testimonies of eyewitness accounts. Signs in the heavens are already an indication of that day.

Let's read Luke 21:11, 25
11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

We always used to think and speak of that first man who stepped onto the moon, what a terrific fuss was made of it! Of course it was a tremendous achievement for mankind but nothing to compare with when God begins to move.

2 Angels Exist

Let's have a look at their existence. Now the following is from the book, What the Bible Teaches by Dr. R.A. Torrey a well-known writer and teacher and also well-known to many students of the Bible.

2.1 The teaching of the Lord Jesus

Matthew 18:10
10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Every little child has an angel in heaven that stands before the face of the Father. I believe that each child has an angel protecting him. You have most probably often wondered - and I am not dogmatic about it - but many times you may have seen or heard about an accident where people were badly injured, some even killed but then a small child comes out of it unscathed. I believe in many instances - and mothers can testify to the fact that perhaps they got busy with everyday chores etc. and these little ones get up to all sorts of things, while the mother is busy - the child pulls a pot of boiling water over him and so on but in a miraculous way a tragedy was often prevented. I am certain that child's angel was standing by.

Mark 13:32
32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

There we see again that Jesus spoke of the angels in heaven. Where shall we find a better authority on the matter than Jesus himself? We can also

read it in Mark 8:38; Matthew 13:41, 26:53. It speaks of the Lord Jesus in connection with angels.

Mark 8:38
38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with holy angels.

Matthew 13:41
41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.

Matthew 26:53
53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

These Scriptures are sufficient although there are more to prove that the Lord Jesus believed in angels.

2.2 The Teachings of the Apostles

Let us look and see what the teachings of Paul and the other apostles were concerning angels.

a. The Apostle Paul

2 Thessalonians 1:7
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

Therefore, Paul speaks of the angels and when the Lord Jesus comes He shall come with His mighty angels. Let’s see what he writes to the Colossians.

Colossians 2:18
18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

This was one of the main incentives for this Epistle to the Colossians, to forbid this false teaching of the worshipping of angels. We shall also see as we continue and when you read the Bible and take note of it, how there were several instances when angels appeared unto men such as Daniel and John on the island of Patmos – they fell to their faces and worshipped the angels but the angels forbade them! The angel did not allow it. Therefore, you and I who live in these end times – Friends, as I have often mentioned it in my Bible studies – we live in an immense time where we are going to see mighty events! It is even at the very door where we shall again see angels making an appearance - be cautious when such an angel appears, that you do not worship him. It is a mighty being and you would want to fall down before him. You will find a similar trend in Ephesians 1:21 and Colossians 1:16.

Ephesians 1:21
21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is *to* come.

Colossians 1:16
16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

b. The Apostle John

The Apostle John believed in a hierarchy of angelic beings. Let's have a look at John.

John 1:51
51 And he said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Revelation 12:7
7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

There was war in heaven between Michael and the angels of God and the dragon - that is Satan and his angels – they are the fallen angels which followed him when he rebelled in heaven.

Revelation 22:8-9

8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

The angel forbade him to worship him for he is not God 'for Thou shalt worship the LORD only'. It is also interesting that the angel calls himself the fellow servant of John and his brothers. That alone is already a wonderful revelation.

c. The Apostle Peter

1 Peter 3:22

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

He speaks here of the Lord Jesus of course. You shall also find it in 2 Peter 2:11 and also in Jude 9; Luke 22:43; Mark 8:38 and Hebrew 12:22.

2 Peter 2:11

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

Jude 9

9 Yet Michael the Archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Luke 22:43

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Mark 8:38

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of

man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Hebrews 12:22
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

The honest Bible student should be convinced of the existence of angels by these Scriptures. We know now that they do exist but what is their nature?

3 The Nature of Angels

3.1 They are created Beings

Colossians 1:16
16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

Angels are not the spirits of the deceased. This must be clearly understood. This is often told – I remember in my childhood – it was said when a little brother or sister died, he or she became an angel or the mom or dad died and now they've become angels. This is not true. Angels are not the spirits of the dead. No, they are separately created beings but we shall see more of that further on.

Let us read Hebrews 12:22-23 first.
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.
23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

Therefore, the spirits of just men made perfect are separate from the angels.
Now read Nehemiah 9:6
6 Thou, even thou *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that

are therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

The angels are numbered among these hosts.

3.2 They are Spirit beings

Firstly they are created beings and secondly they are spirit beings.

Hebrews 1:13-14

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

This is a glorious and wonderful thought for every believer. Before the Lord Jesus went away He told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit, not so? He is the Comforter whom He would send to remain with them. How many Christians are there today who are prepared to go through life without the Power of the Holy Spirit? How many Christians know that the angels are there for them as ministering spirits sent forth to minister unto them who shall be heirs of salvation? This might sound a bit odd to you but this is my testimony. Before I go on a journey, when I get into my car the first thing I do is pray 'Lord, send your angel before me'. It is not just a pious little prayer, I believe it. I believe the angels are a reality and let me put it this way – we can make much more use of their services than we may realise. We have a higher privilege than we think and we should make use of it. The Lord said I will not leave you comfortless (as orphans) but how many live like orphans? I believe we need much more wisdom.

We could have much more protection than we enjoy at the moment because we do not make use of it. I have heard fascinating testimonies of angels protecting the children of God. Not long ago one of the farms in Zimbabwe where the terrorists attacked several people in a certain area close to this family but left them out – they were very dear children of the Lord. Afterwards, when the armed forces pursued these terrorists and shot some and others were arrested, they asked them why they had left out that certain farm and the terrorists told them they couldn't get near it. All around this farm were people dressed in long white garments. They were terrified and too afraid to go near that farm and so there are many testimonies like this.

The angels are ministering spirits sent out on behalf of those who shall be heirs of salvation. I believe in these days to come, when the evil forces are conspiring against us, that the angels will play an important role in our protection. There are many such interventions in the Bible.

Luke 9:26

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.

The angels are glorious beings!

Matthew 28:2-3

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

This is how the people saw it. Here the Bible describes what happened – an angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away – it was a physical thing, a very heavy stone which was placed there to cover the grave and it was sealed but the angel rolled it away. This is a well-known story of the Bible. How many of us have given it a second thought? Look what the angel actually did and what he looked like.

Revelation 10:1

1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Daniel 10:6

6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as a lamp of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

No wonder Daniel fell to his face and he said that there was no strength in him. If such a being appears unto a human being, his body cannot take it unless by supernatural strength.

We must realise that there is much that has not yet been revealed to us concerning angels as with the many other works and creations of God. All we know is what the Bible has said and that which God has seen fit to reveal unto us through His Spirit. We know that basically the angels are spirit beings. However, they have appeared unto men and have also appeared in human form.

Here follows a few Scriptures for those of you who would like to make a wider study of it. Read Genesis 19; Judges 2:1, 6:11-22; Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:26 and John 20:12.

In Genesis 19 – this is a description of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, it will be interesting to read – notice how those two angels walked into Sodom and Gomorrah. They were real human beings. They were so real that the men of Sodom gathered around Lot's house and urged him to deliver these two men into their hands so that they could know them. The angels struck those men with blindness and when Lot lingered the angels laid hold upon him and his wife and two daughters and brought them out of the city to escape with their lives before the fire fell from heaven. Therefore, this was a very physical event with the angels.

If you read Genesis 18 you will see where this narrative of Sodom and Gomorrah started and where Abraham was sitting in the plains of Mamre. When three men came to him they were so real that he asked his wife Sarah to prepare a meal for them. They killed a calf from their herd. Sarah kneaded three measures of fine meal and made cakes and set it before them and they ate with Abraham and his people. Two of them then went on to Sodom to save Lot and his family and to destroy the city. One of them stayed with Abraham and it was to Him that he addressed his plea to (the fifty, forty, thirty, twenty up to ten) ask if only there were ten righteous in Sodom, would You spare them? That one was none other than the LORD Himself. If you go into this Scripture and make a study of it you will find that it was the Lord Jesus. What a wonderful study that is! It was Jesus before his incarnation, before his birth by virgin Mary. Many times He appeared as the LORD or the Angel of God and even appeared unto man in human form with the birth of Samson and also with Gideon.

Judges 2:1

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto

the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

Then the Angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal unto Bochim. They could see Him and He said it was He who had made a covenant with them and that He would not break it. When you read about that covenant you see that it was the LORD who made that covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and here He is called the Angel of the LORD. If you analyse this – a wonderful study – you will see that it is the Lord Jesus Himself.

Judges 6:11-22

11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites:

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, where with shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it.*

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.
21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.
22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

Matthew 1:20
20 But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 1:26-29
26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.
28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee*:* blessed *art* thou among women.
29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

'And when she saw him' – so this was not a spiritual manifestation. It says Gabriel was sent by God. In another Scripture we shall see that Gabriel is one of the archangels who always stands before God. There is a heavenly court where the LORD sits upon His throne. All his special angels are always present and Gabriel is one of them. He is one of the special archangels who was sent by God for this wonderful purpose to tell Mary that she would be the mother of the Lord Jesus. He appeared unto her in the physical and when she saw him she was troubled about the words he said to her and she wondered what this could mean. The angel said to her to not be afraid Mary, for she had found favour with God and he continued speaking to her.

John 20:11-13
11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,
12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

This woman had a conversation with these two angels sitting inside the grave. I hope that by this time, this study has opened a whole new field of understanding to you of the things of God and that it may become a greater reality to you. Angels are immortal and therefore do not need to procreate in order to secure their existence. Jesus was referring to this fact that angels do not marry when He spoke about those who will take part in the resurrection. They will be immortal and therefore marriage will not be necessary anymore to reproduce their generation. The conclusion that is generally made is that the angels are genderless but this is not justifiable, for on the contrary in each instance where they are mentioned in the Bible, they are in male form. We shall see more of this further on when we get to the topic of fallen angels and see how they abused this quality.

3.3 Angels are greater and stronger than man and are powerful beings

In our study we have now come to the third characteristic of angels. We have seen that they are created beings; that they are spirit beings and now we shall see that they are more powerful than man.

2 Peter 2:11
11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

Psalm 8:5-6
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

We'll get back to this subject further on.

2 Thessalonians 1:7
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

Acts 5:19-20
19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Thus, it was an angel who opened the prison door for the apostles.

Acts 12:7-10, 23
7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision
10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.
23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Is that not amazing? I once heard a wonderful testimony of a group of American soldiers who were stationed in the Far East during the Second World War – they were all true children of the Lord. Suddenly, they were surrounded by the Japanese. Just when they thought they would all be shot, a Japanese general in full uniform appeared and commanded those Japanese soldiers to stand to attention. As it was a general, they had to obey and he then commanded them to march away from the Americans. He then beckoned the Americans to follow him. They followed him along a winding road through the bush for some time and then at a certain spot he

simply disappeared – it was none other than an angel who led them to safety.

Psalm 103:20
20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Now, one angel was powerful enough to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 19) In Joel 3 we read of the LORD'S mighty men of war. In verse 11 it speaks of the assembling together of the nations for that great war when the LORD will come to deliver His people.

Joel 3:9-11
9 Proclaim ye this among the gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:
10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.
11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather youselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Psalm 103:21
21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Who are these mighty men who have to come on this terrible day of the LORD that Joel describes to protect His people? They are none other than the angels of God. Dear reader, we can see what is evolving in the world today. How American politics, which we have been observing for many years, are being dominated by the Internationalists and the Illuminati and all their cohorts. Their aim is world domination and the obliteration of Christianity. They have infiltrated the Western Nations for years already and we are beginning to see the visible signs thereof, not only in American politics but also in that of Western Europe. There are mighty forces at work with the intent to weaken our position to such an extent that when the death blow is struck, no human effort of any kind would be able to protect Christianity or any Christians nor the White population from being annihilated. However, when studying this subject and looking at it as a whole, you will see that this is when the angels appear on the scene once

again to come to the rescue of God's people, just as they came to Jacob's rescue at the Jabbok river.

Jacob had wrestled with an angel when he had heard of his brother Esau's advance on him and his family. So the LORD's Word begins to unfold as a puzzle when all the pieces begin to fit and a wonderful picture unfolds before our eyes. No wonder that Jesus said to the Pharisees 'Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God'. (Matthew 22:29)

3.4 Angels are powerful in knowledge but not omniscient

Mark 13:32 (also Ephesians 3:10-11; 1 Peter 1:12)

32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father:

3.5 Angels should not be worshipped

Revelation 22:8-9

8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Here we see a great difference between the Lord Jesus and the angels. When the Lord's disciples fell before Him in worship, the Lord Jesus did not forbid them because He is God.

3.6 There are different ranks of angels but they are all subject to Jesus Christ

Jude 9

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

In Deuteronomy we see that when Moses died God buried him in a valley because He did not want Israel to know where he was buried, for they might have made an idol of it. They would have dug up his body, embalmed it and made a terrible idol of it. Therefore, according to Judas 9 we see that God sent the archangel Michael to take the body of Moses and bury it. Here we see the curtain drawn on a spectacular and powerful scene

for when Michael came to bury the body of Moses, Satan stood there to resist him and we can quite clearly see the reason why. There was a struggle between Michael and Satan because Satan didn't want the body of Moses buried – he wanted the Israelites to find it and to make a god of it and thereby commit a grievous sin against God.

We realise here that Satan is a powerful being. I have written a study on the devil, it is available from the office. In this study I point out what a dangerous creature the devil is and that people should be careful of speaking of him light-heartedly and refer to him as this and that and look what he made me do and so on. Satan is a powerful being but should not be worshipped. Although he is powerful, God is all-powerful. God is Almighty! Here we see how the archangel Michael, this mighty angel did not even dare to speak judgement over the devil but even he had to rebuke him in the Name of the LORD**.** We'll get to more of this further on.

We are living in tremendous times. I mentioned in a service in Vereeniging some time ago that the mighty angels and also the powers of Satan and his demons will come more and more to the fore in this final battle which will take place on earth and also in the air.

We have seen in Jude 9 that there are different ranks of angels but that they all submit to Jesus Christ. There we read of the archangel Michael.

Now we read 1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Here it speaks of the voice of an archangel.

1 Peter 3:22

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

So there are angels, authorities and powers!

3.7 All angels of God are to worship Jesus the Son of God

Hebrew 1:6

6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

3.8 Angels have been seen by humans on several occasions

We have read several Scriptures on this already of the apostles in prison and testimonies of people in Zimbabwe and also about the Japanese general - but there are many more.

Let's read Luke 2:9, 13

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

John 20:12

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Genesis 32:1, 2

1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him,

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said This *is* God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

In our time there have been several people who testified that they had seen angels. The most outstanding visit was probably that of an angel's visit to William Branham in 1945. His ministry thereafter and the other ministries that were birthed from that one was proof of the authenticity of that visit. This man came to South Africa in 1951. Perhaps some of you attended his services? I did and I listened personally to his testimony and can only say it was very touching to hear his description of the angel standing before him and how he went to a secluded hut in one of the mountains in America because the LORD had told him to do so. He told of a light that came in and that he did not dare to lift up his head until he saw the feet standing before him and the angel spoke to him and told him that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus was very near and that he had to go into the world to warn them and that the Lord would confirm this message with signs to prove the authenticity thereof. I can testify to those signs and wonders that took place in his meetings in 1951.

3.9 Angels do eat

Let us look at this characteristic of angels – they eat.

Psalm 78:25
25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

This refers to the manna God gave Israel in the wilderness – the bread of the angels (Genesis 18:8). Abraham gave food to the three angels (one of them was the LORD) and they ate. There are many things we do not know and it makes one wonder if heaven is truly such an immaterial and purely spiritual place as we imagine it to be.

3.10 Angels will be judged by the believers

We read it earlier on in this study.

1 Corinthians 6:3
3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

This means that in the regeneration of all things the angels shall be under the authority of the redeemed. We have this privilege already if we would only realise what our inheritance is in Christ Jesus.

4 The number of Angels

We cannot go into all the detail concerning this as it would become a very lengthy study and there are other important aspects of this subject I would like to discuss with you in detail. We looked at the different principal divisions - the existence of angels then the nature of angels and all their different characteristics - now we have come to the number of angels and my first statement.

4.1 There are innumerable hosts of angels

Hebrews 12:22
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Let's read 2 Kings 6:17 (also Matthew 26:5 and Job 25:3) Here are some interesting numbers of angels and this is where Gehazi, the servant of Elisha got such a fright.

2 Kings 6:17

17 And Elisha prayed, and said LORD I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

First let me describe some of the background to you – it is very interesting. In the days of 2 Kings 6 the Syrians were a vexation to Israel with their constant raids but every time they attacked Israel from a different side, the soldiers of Israel were there to withstand them. Therefore, the king of Syria consulted with his counsel and accused them saying that ‘one of you is a traitor, for every time we attempt to attack Israel, they are ready for us – how could this be possible? One of you is a traitor!’ You can imagine the fear of those people because the Syrians were very cruel. They shuddered, thinking which one of us will fall by the sword or axe? One of them then stood up and said ‘O, King, this is untrue, because there is a prophet in Israel who hears every word you speak in your inner chamber and that prophet is Elisha’.

May the Lord give us prophets in these days and I believe He will. I believe this is one of those outstanding things the Lord will do in these days where we are outnumbered to such a large extent and so much treason is at the order of the day. The Lord will cause an awakening among His children and pour out His Spirit upon them. The time will come when there shall be a revelation - perhaps in a service or a prayer meeting, maybe a very humble child of the Lord in his private prayer – when the Lord will give a revelation of events to come and he could send an email to the Prime Minister or the President and inform him of a terrorist attack on a certain date and a specific place. At first he might be ignored but after the second or third warning, if the information was correct he would take heed of it. I believe the Lord will do this in the near future.

This is an interesting subject – see Romans 10:17. The entire Romans 10 is a wonderful chapter to keep in mind. It speaks of faith and how to achieve it – it says faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. He then says but how shall they hear if there is no one to preach? How shall one preach except if they are sent? He then says ‘how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things’!

Take for example this study. I hope that I have received mercy in the Lord's eyes to give you a deeper understanding of things within the heavenly realm and more insight into the subject of angels. Would you not say that now you have more faith in this area than before? It came through the Lord's Word that was brought to you. Therefore, if we preach God's Word in truth and in power more often, we would inspire more faith. God's Word is alive. It is a living seed, just like a grain of wheat; the germ has life inside of it. When put into the ground, it will grow – all you need to do is to water it and that germ of wheat will grow because it has life inside it. Likewise the Bible shows us, it is the Word of God – it is a living seed.

The Word must be preached in the power of the Holy Spirit and then it becomes alive in the hearts of people. Even now you have the opportunity to take this word, this thought that has been brought to you, to begin to pray over it and affirm it to the Lord by saying 'Lord, Your Word is truth'. Don't be sceptical now and think, well, I don't think it could happen to me. Do not ever say that! The Lord has His eyes on those with whom this is going to happen.

In a very similar time of strife, Elisha also experienced it. He always warned the king of Israel. The king of Syria realised he would have to capture Elisha. You can read it in 2 Kings Chapter 6. The king sent a large army to the town where Elisha lived – the town was called Dothan – and the soldiers besieged the town. The following morning when Elisha's servant, Gehazi went outside - he probably went to collect wood to make a fire and boil water in order to serve his master, Elisha - when he saw the soldiers round about the city in their chariots of war, he became so afraid and ran back to call Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-17

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

We have already had a glimpse of how glorious these beings must be and therefore stand in awe of the idea, that they are not only very powerful but there are innumerable hosts of angels on horses with fiery chariots.

Matthew 26:52-53

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Jesus actually said to Peter that He did not need his protection for if He wanted to be protected, He could pray to His Father and He would send twelve legions of angels.

Now let us make a calculation. We must look up to the greatness of God. So often we are intimidated by the might of the enemy or the extent of our circumstances and our troubles, the immenseness of Communism and their weaponry, their aeroplanes and the overwhelming superiority of the enemy against us, even in our own country. Let me show you the superiority of the power on our side. The Lord said He could pray and the Father would send twelve legions of angels to protect Him although it is not what He wanted at that moment. Let us have a look at twelve legions of angels – one legion in Bible days was six thousand. Therefore twelve legions are seventy two thousand angels. The Lord said He could pray now and His Father would send more than seventy two thousand angels.

I would like to show you something else. In Isaiah 37:36 – we see that when there was war between Israel and the Assyrians, one angel killed one hundred and eighty five thousand Assyrians in one night! Now: twelve times six thousand, multiplied by one hundred and eighty five thousand equals thirteen thousand three hundred and twenty million (13 320 million).
“If one angel can smite 185 000 Assyrians, then twelve legions can smite 13 320 000 000 --- more than the population of the entire world.)

That is twelve legions of angels and what they are capable of doing. I want to say what we need in the days ahead - before the Lord I can honestly say and I think those of you who know me and read my pamphlets and listen to our CD’s - that I have one burning desire in my heart and that is to give the people a vision for these times we’re living in. That is what we need.

You know that David said ‘For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall’? (Psalm 18:29) He was a boy at the tender age of seventeen when he slayed the great giant Goliath. We are going to look into the story of Goliath a bit as it has a lot to do with our study of angels and also with the things we are going to be confronted with in the near future. Unless our people have a vision, we shall perish for fear but with a vision, we can face the future with respect and humility but also with joy. For He that is for us and those who are with us are much more than those who are against us. He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. Have you considered that? Have you thought about it? Let me encourage you - if you are a true child of God, you are already invincible. No one can do you any harm. The Lord Jesus said fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. The worst they can do to you is to kill your body but they cannot kill you. If they have killed you then you are truly alive. So if you die you shall be with the Lord and then you shall truly live and then all these topics we have Bible studies on shall be clear immediately. Isn’t that wonderful? You shall come back with Him again and be raised up to a glorified body and live for eternity. Therefore nobody can really harm you or conquer you and that was the secret of those early Christians. That was why the Romans could throw them to the lions, they could burn them at the stakes and they would not give in to them! This captured their imagination and eventually gripped the Romans in their superstitions. The explanation for this you shall find in my book on Revelation. What caused the fall of the mighty Roman Empire and brought them to accept the Christian faith? They saw something in these people who were not even afraid of death. The heathen could not understand it for they fear death more than anything else.

Now, to get back to the innumerability of the angels, their might and power - we have seen that they are ministering spirits and are sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation – they are the ones that the LORD uses to protect His Plan and His People.

5 The Habitation of Angels is in Heaven

Matthew 22:30

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Luke 2:13, 15
13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

John 1:51
51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

6 The Works of Angels

What type of work do they do?

6.1 They work on behalf of those who shall be heirs of salvation

Hebrew 1:13-14
13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.

See how the Lord used the angels to care for His servants? Let us put aside our materialism for a while and allow the Lord to open up our spiritual eyes.

Let us look at 1 Kings 19:5-8 and Matthew 4:11 as well as Luke 22:43.

In 1 Kings 19 we read about Elijah where he became so very disheartened and the angel came to strengthen him. In the previous chapter the LORD had answered with fire from heaven on Mount Carmel when Baal's prophets had cut themselves so that their gods may hear. But the gods did not answer for they were not gods, they were made by human hands. Then the LORD answered from heaven. That fire from heaven consumed not only the sacrifice upon the altar but also the water in the trench around the altar as well as the stones. This was in the time of Jezebel and Ahab and all Israel cried out and said 'The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* God!'

Even so, on the following day Jezebel sent a message to Elijah that she would slay him by the next day and cut off his head as he had done to the

prophets of Baal. How could she carry out such a threat, such an insolent threat when all Israel believed in the LORD and sided with Elijah? In other words, yesterday they had seen the fire and said the LORD is God but today they completely forgot everything. This is something which discourages the servants of God immensely. Today people cannot do enough for you, for they had suddenly had a revelation. They were excited about the revelation of angels or about Israel or the salvation message which you opened up to them. Tomorrow, when you look for the fruit of it, there's nothing. That's the way it often goes and so Elijah became disheartened, so much so that he laid down beneath a juniper tree and wished that he might die but then the following happened as we read in Kings.

1 Kings 19:5-8
5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.
6 And he looked, and behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.
7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.
8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

The food that the angel brought him sustained him for forty days and forty nights. Isn't that wonderful? Now dear reader, this is another problem we have. As I have said previously, we have depopulated heaven. Man, in all his wisdom, even theologians have depopulated heaven. They do not believe in angels anymore; they do not believe in the invisible beings, the innumerable hosts of heavenly beings and servants of God. I believe however that in the days to come, in the troublesome times ahead we shall again see angels in action. Even if you cannot see the angels it doesn't mean that they are not busy working.

If you believe and trust in God and you live in close relationship with Him, the Lord shall use angels to help you in many situations. I say this respectfully because the angels hear us and see us. They are present as they are ministering spirits sent out to minister unto us but we do not make use of them as we ought. They are our friends and servants given to us by

God. You see, we say that we believe but actually we spend our lives in a lot of unbelief. Faith is an active thing, faith is not passive. Faith is acting on that which you believe, on that which the Lord says in His Word. If the Lord says in His Word that He sends the angels as ministering spirits on behalf of us then they shall be there for us. Jesus said to the woman 'great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt according to thy faith'. This is another study on its own.

Let us have a look at how the angels served the Lord Jesus. This is a very well-known Scripture but one that you may understand a lot better now, in the light of this study.

Matthew 4:11
This is where Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. We look at verse 11 where all the temptations had been presented and the Lord had said to the devil 'it is written, it is written, it is written' – three times he said it.
11 Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Luke 22:43
This was after the agonising prayer of the Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.
43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

You can also rely on the strengthening by angels in your plight for truth and the light of the Lord. Most people do not even know it. How little they enjoy it because they do not know it neither do they believe it. The Lord says in His Word 'Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God'. (Romans 10:11) When you hear God's Word His Word is alive and if you receive it with a believing heart, that Word becomes alive in your heart and in your life and then He works according to that which He has said.

The angels see to the physical needs of God's children.

Psalm 91:11-12
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

This is a glorious Psalm and as I understand it, a Psalm for the days we are living in when the judgements of the end time will be unleashed. For the believers there is this promise of protection. I say this with great caution but I say it before the Lord, He knows our hearts – when I get into my car whether I'm alone or my wife is with me or anyone else travelling with me - I pray first and ask the Lord to send His angel ahead of me. I pray with faith and truly believe that the Lord does send an angel ahead of me.

The angels stand under God's command to protect those who dwell in the secret place of the most High and who have made the Lord their refuge. He will protect us from harm and injury if we live close to Him. (2 Kings 6:15-17 and Matthew 26:52-53) The angels protect God's servants from their enemies.

Genesis 19:9-11
This is where the angels went to Sodom and Gomorrah and went to stay with Lot. The men of the city surrounded the house and demanded that Lot deliver the men into their hands as they wanted to commit sodomy with them. Those people were known for that and that is where the word comes from.

9 And they said, (this is now the people of Sodom) Stand back, And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: (This mob, you can imagine – they huddled together around Lot's house and this is what they accuse him of) now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut to the door:

11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

The angels did it for the sake of Lot. What I am about to say and many of you who have attended my Bible Studies have often heard me say it - most people tend to see the Bible merely as a story book. Isn't it a wonderful narrative of Lot? It is a wonderful story of the angels who came to him and it's wonderful that they struck those men with blindness but that was in

Lot's time, in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah and that's that. Why was the Bible written? The Bible was written for us to understand the things that exist. This was not an isolated incident that happened to Lot a couple of thousand years ago. These angels are immortal beings and they were sent by God thén and even so they are still the same and available to serve today. We must believe and trust the Lord and rely on their aid and our lives will change, our circumstances will change and our vision will be different.

God works mainly through additional and collaborating factors. Much of God's provision for His children He works through his fellow man. But that which He cannot get done through someone as a result of that person's weakness, He gets done by angels. In many cases the Lord will use a fellow man as an angel to help you. For instance if you are in need of something He will work in that person's heart to do it for you. That which cannot be done by humans the Lord will have it done by angels directly from heaven.

Many people believe – and with good reason – that every small child has an angel assigned to him for protection. (Matthew 18:4) Bible expositors say so too.

Matthew 18:10

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

I have mentioned this earlier on but would like to emphasise this fact – that often in motorcar accidents or plane crashes you hear of a baby or a small child surviving the accident when the adults are killed or some injured.

Acts 12:5-10

Perhaps I'm drawing this out a bit but I feel that when you rush through a study like this, you can so easily lose the spirit of it and fail to understand it completely. This is where Peter was in prison.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me." (See how concerned the angel is about Peter. He must have been totally bewildered at what to do next, so the angel told him to put on his garment as he would need it out there in the cold and to put on his sandals in case he hurt his feet.)
9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.
10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Isn't that wonderful? It was never meant to be a story only. These experiences ought to occur more often but we do not believe it. That is the problem. Just think of the encouragement it would be to us in our assembly if we had more of these testimonies and why not? The Lord hasn't changed. He is still the same Lord but we have changed, for those events do not happen anymore.
Let us look at Daniel 6:22-23. This is where Daniel said to King Darius that the LORD had sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths. So the angels deliver the servants of God from danger.

Acts 27:23-25
This was when Paul and the others were shipwrecked (or almost) and they had done all they could to save it.
23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,
24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.
25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Who said this? An angel from God came and stood by Paul and told him this. How could he say it? He could because he knew it was an angel from God whom he also serves. Praise the Lord! Therefore the angels also

encourage the servants of God when they suffer hardships or are in danger.

Luke 1:11-13, 19
The angels reveal the intentions of God to His servants. This is where the angel told Zacharias that they were going to have a son.

Matthew 2:13, 19-20; Acts 8:26 and 10:3-6. Here the angels show God's servants what to do.

In all the Scriptures above you can see how angels appeared and spoke to the different servants of the Lord and told Joseph to take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt. In Acts 8:26 the angel came to Philip and told him to go to a lonely road in Gaza to meet the man from Ethiopia sitting in his chariot. In Acts 10:3-6 the angel appeared unto Cornelius and told him to fetch Peter.

Luke 16:19 - 20, 22
Let us read this and see how glorious this is. None of us know how soon we might need it for ourselves or for someone else. This is the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and it is actually not a parable.

19 (Jesus said) There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores
22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom."

I believe that when a child of the Lord dies the Lord sends His angels to fetch him or her and to take them to the Lord. There are wonderful testimonies on the deathbeds of people where they saw the angels who came to fetch them. How many deathbeds are there not? Keep in mind that at that moment the person is so weak yet how many times a look of delight and surprise and amazement was seen on that person's face but without them having the strength to tell you what he or she sees, because they are busy passing over. I believe the wonderful visions they see at that moment are the angels of God coming to fetch them. You see, in this struggle of life which is also Satan's plan, we should not be so earthbound that we cannot see the invisible.

It was said of God's men of old, the believers, that they walked as though they saw the invisible. We must be able to see the invisible and as I have said before that which we do not see with the natural eye does not mean that it doesn't exist. This would be a great error.

The angels therefore take the Lord's children to Him when they die. The angels take God's servants to a place of blessedness when they die.

Matthew 24:31
31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is a powerful statement but it is in the Bible. The angels will gather the elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other. How they will do it we do not know. There is a Bible study available on Flying Saucers. There I have brought some wonderful things from God's Word which you might have read a couple of times but not really noticed and it stands in very close connection to this Scripture.

6.2 God gave His Law to us by the decree of Angels

That is exactly how it is written in Hebrews 2:2; Galatians 3:19 and Acts 7:53.

Hebrews 2:2
2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

Galatians 3:19
19 Wherefore then *serveth* the Law? It was added because of the transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Acts 7:53
53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

The Law was received by the disposition of angels. It seems as if the angels were present and played a very important role when God gave the

Law to Israel. (Psalm 68:17; Deuteronomy 33:2) There are also special messages and instructions that God gave to angels to convey to men as for example in the case of Lot and his wife. (Genesis 19:17-26) According to Judges 13:5, 16:19-22 an angel came to Samson's parents and instructed them to rear him as a Nazarite and that no razor should come on his head.

Judges 13:5

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

6.3 Their Presence at the Second Coming of Christ

The angels shall be present at the Second Coming of the LORD. Let us read these two portions of Scripture.

Matthew 25:31-32

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of His glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats.

I believe the Lord is going to use the angels to do that and that it will be a physical action for the nations who will stand before the Lord. In other words they will see each other in a physical world even as we see each other now. The Lord Jesus shall be observed in the physical at His Second Coming just as on the day of His Ascension when the disciples stood there and saw two men in white clothing with them, not so?

Acts 1:11

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Let us see what the angels are going to do as far as the judgements are concerned.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

'When the Lord shall be revealed with His mighty angels' - keeping in mind that one angel killed one hundred and eighty five thousand Assyrians in one night, I would say to these heathen powers that are just waiting to carry out their plans all over the world, 'Woe unto you, for the day when Jesus comes with His mighty angels.' According to the prophets the slain of the Lord shall lie from one end of the earth to the other end thereof. In the course of this study I shall show you something of great importance. I believe that at the Second Coming of the Lord, He will destroy large groups of nations and even entire nations from off the face of the earth, for they will never come to repentance but will always oppose God. We are entering into a time where we shall see things the world has never seen or even dreamt of. However, if they would only open their eyes and their hearts, they would see it in God's Word.

The angels shall come with the Son of man when He comes to judge the nations and to pour out God's wrath over them that do not know Him and on those who are disobedient to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

6.4 The Angels execute God's Wrath onto the unbelievers

The parable of the tares that are sown between the wheat is a wonderful illustration to me and I would like us to read it so that I can give you a short explanation.

Matthew 13:24-30, 40-43, 47-50
24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares?
28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

That is the parable. Now let us read the interpretation that Jesus gave. Before we read it however, let me first point out a few aspects. All of a sudden tares appear and the servants asked what this is? Did you then not plant good seed? Where do the tares come from? Take note, He says an enemy did this. That word ‘enemy’ is important. The second point is that they must grow together until the harvest. For there is not much difference between them now and if you pull out the tares you might root up the wheat also. That is important. Therefore at the harvest the reapers will gather together the tares first and bind them in bundles together to burn them and then they shall gather the wheat and bring it into the barn. Now let’s read Jesus’ explanation.

Matthew 13:36-38

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;

In our study we shall see that there were certain angels who took on the form of men and who rebelled against God. They became like men on the earth and took women for themselves and reproduced people but people of a different nature.

Now here it speaks of an enemy, a wicked person who sowed the tares. Paul said to the Corinthians that the devil presents himself as an angel of light. I will not go into this in detail now as you have probably read it in

many of my pamphlets. I rather want to explain to you concerning the angels in the end time. The enemy who sowed the tares is the devil and the Lord says in the parable that an enemy did it. The harvest is the consummation of the age.

Everybody believes that this is at the very door. The Son of man shall send His angels to gather together all the stumbling blocks from His Kingdom and them that do unrighteousness and cast them into the fire. These are the tares which are bound into bundles to be burned, they are people and the angels will do it. Can you imagine the vastness of such an operation? Millions of people, millions have to be gathered into groups and cast into the fire. Who will do it? No human power on earth could do it but the Lord Jesus is going to use the angels to do it. What an immense task they shall have in this consummation of the age!

Matthew 13:40-43

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Let's go on to verse 47)

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

That is quite clear! It does not even need an explanation. At the end of the world, the angels shall come and separate the bad people from the good. This is not something ethereal, airy, intangible, something in the spirit world! You have to try and imagine this - these are real people, truly wicked people and truly good people just as in that net where there were good fish

and bad fish. You can almost see the fisherman sitting there with his bowl sorting them out – the good ones go into the bowl which can be eaten, that is a crab or an octopus and is thrown aside. They are sorted. A fisherman pulls all sorts of fish out with his net. Likewise in the world says the Lord – the crabs and octopus etc. get thrown out. It might make you smile to visualise this picture I'm sketching just to help you understand. If we look into the world we see someone simply coming into the home of a certain manager of a bank in Germany and shoot him in cold blood. Here they do it to you in the street and somewhere else another way. We hear of terrorists and entire nations warring and murdering. They, as well as many others shall be separated says the Lord, but in what manner? Who shall do it? The angels will do it! There is no organisation or army that will be able to do it. How will they be sorted, how will they be chosen? The angels will know and they have the power to perform it.

Friends, we live in tremendous times and we serve a wonderful God and we have a wonderful Book – the Bible. No wonder the Psalmist says 'Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies'. We have universities, large institutions of medicine etc. but the humble child of God who knows the devil and understands the Bible is more learned and has a better understanding of things that are really important than the most educated of the world. You might not agree with me but I believe this to be true.

At the end of this dispensation the angels will come and remove every stumbling block and everyone who does unrighteousness from the Kingdom of the Son of man. They will be separated from the righteous and they will be cast into the fire. The angels are the executors of God's wrath against the wicked as well as the mercy of God toward the righteous. Therefore, are they not ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

7 Archangels

We are looking at archangels. The word 'archangel' is used twice in Scripture, once in connection with the Second Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and once when Michael and the devil had a dispute over the body of Moses (Jude 9).

1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the Voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

If you would only meditate upon this Scripture as I have urged you to do during the course of this Bible Study - to read the Bible with your imagination. Don't just read it but ask the Holy Spirit to open up the Word unto you and read it attentively - try to imagine what a terrible day that will be, that shout of the archangel and trump of God and dead in Christ rising from the grave.

Jude 9

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Here we read of an archangel. We have already discussed that struggle in the desert between the devil and Michael the archangel concerning the body of Moses. These are the things we so often miss and never give it a second thought but I have already explained the reason why.

The word 'arch' simply means 'head of' or 'first' and indicates the ranks of beings some higher than other angels such as archangels and then the lower angels. Michael is called the 'great prince' who stands for the children of Israel. (Daniel 12:1; 10:21)

Revelation 12:7-9

Here Michael is spoken of as the commander of the angels of God who shall fight against the devil and his angels and cast them down upon the earth. Most people do not notice this; they might read it through as part of their quiet time in the morning or in the evening, close their Bible and not think about it again. I hope that for those of you who have done this Bible study with me, where I have tried to make these beings come alive to you and to show you that they are a reality, that by this time, you might see the picture differently already.

7 And there was war in heaven: (What a tremendous statement) Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. (The dragon of course, is none other than

the Devil. What a tremendous drama in heaven unfolds before our eyes when reading this)

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Cast out into the earth and his angels with him. In Daniel 10:13 Michael is called 'one of the chief princes' of God. If he is 'one' of them then there must be more chief princes or archangels. Gabriel is one of them. (Daniel 8:16-19, 9:20-23, 10:8-11) It was Gabriel who came to Mary and spoke to her of the birth of the Lord Jesus. Lucifer (Luke 4:56) who had been one of the chief angels was given the authority to reign over the earth as we shall see further on but he became 'Satan' when he rebelled against God. He was created a chief angel.

In Colossians 1:15-18 we read of thrones, dominions, principalities and powers, therefore there must be many chief angels. Some of them rebelled with the devil and are now the principalities of the heathen (non-Israel) kingdoms of the world under Satan. (Daniel 10:11-13; Luke 4:5-6) Some of you are familiar with these facts but for some, it is most probably a revelation. Let us read these Scriptures.

Daniel 10:11-13

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. (This is an angel speaking to him as you shall see if you read the previous verses). And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. (In other words, God sent me in answer to your prayer)

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the Chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

The heathen kingdom which took God's children captive in those days was the Persian kingdom in whose service Daniel stood. He prayed over the fulfilment of a prophecy of Jeremiah and the LORD sent an angel. But on

his way to Daniel the angel was resisted by the prince of Persia, one of Satan's archangels which was cast out of heaven with him and whom he had appointed over that area of Persia. How many people know that the heathen nations have their angels who control them, these evil angels who inspire and lead them on? I think today there is no better example than that of Communism.

I wonder how many people have noticed that during these past sixty years (yes, I think it was the fifty ninth birthday of the Bolshevistic revolution that was celebrated a short while ago) that, if you look at the Communist manifesto, you realise that they have accomplished all they have set out to do and all which they had so carefully planned to do during these past fifty nine years. No human being could have planned it. The cleverness, the satanic insight and foresight with which all the different conferences with Western Countries were held, their schemes they had worked out to promote their own interests – this was done with such foresight that it could only have been satanically inspired.

The angel says the prince of Persia withstood him; he was too strong for him. Michael the archangel of God, who watches over God's Israel nation, came to the rescue of this angel. Therefore, he was able to get through and to give Daniel God's answer to his prayer. This is in the Bible and yet, how many people of the Christian churches notice it? Or speak of it?

Luke 4:5-7 is yet another well-known portion of Scripture but how many have noticed? Here is where the Lord Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Satan says to Jesus as he shows Him all the kingdoms of the world, 'they're all mine. I will give them unto thee if thou shalt worship me'. The Lord Jesus did not argue with him because it belonged to Satan. This might shock you if you had never heard it before - that this world belongs to the devil but nevertheless, God still has the last say. Jesus said 'it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'

Until Jesus comes, Satan is the prince of this world and he has his subordinate princes under him. Satan is of course a spirit being, a fallen angel and together with the fallen angels who rebelled with him - one third of all the angels according to the Bible – he has made them the princes of this world. If we can understand this we shall have a far better insight in the affairs of this world as it is today.

Please read through the following Scriptures concerning these fallen angels.

8 Satan's angels (The Fallen angels)

a. These angels are subject to Christ

1 Peter 3:22
22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

b. They are sinful and rebellious

Job 4:18; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6, 7; Revelation 12:7-9.

Job 4:18
18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

2 Peter 2:4
4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;

Revelation 12:7-9
7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

c. Evil

Psalm 78:49

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*.

d. Will be punished

Matthew 25:41; Isaiah 24:21-23; Jude 6, 7.

Matthew 25:41

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed; into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Isaiah 24:21-23

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Jude 6, 7

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

e. Will fight against Christ at Armageddon

Revelation 12:7-9, 19:11-21, 20:1-3.

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9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 19:11-21

11 I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but himself.

13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 20:1-3

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

f. They are organised in principalities and powers

Ephesians 1:21, 3:10, 6:10-17; Colossians 2:10, 15; Revelation 12:7-12.

Ephesians 1:21

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 3:10

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 6:10-17

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Colossians 2:10, 15
10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Revelation 12:7-12
7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having yet great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

g. They seduce people

2 Corinthians 11:14
14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

h. Resist the children of God

Romans 8:38; Ephesians 6:10-18

Romans 8:38

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,”

Ephesians 6:10-18

10: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

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15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

i. Originally fell together with Lucifer

Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:11-17; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:7-12.

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Ezekiel 28:11-17
11 More over the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou has been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created.
14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Matthew 25:41
41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

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10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having yet great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

j. Hell is prepared for them

Matthew 25:41
41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

They are the ones who followed him when he rebelled in heaven. I have given you a couple of Scriptures and a short summary on each one but would like to expand a bit more on these fallen angels and about the sons of God in Genesis 6.

9 There are Two types of fallen angels

a. Those who are bound and are in darkness awaiting judgement

2 Peter:2:4; Jude 6, 7.

2 Peter 2:4
4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;

Jude 6, 7
6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.
7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

b. The angels who are yet running loose with Satan

Revelation 12:7-12; Ephesians 6:10-17.

Revelation 12:7-12

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13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

We shall see shortly why certain angels are bound and in prison right now. Let us read those Scriptures, and see that there is another group of angels who roam around with Satan to do his evil works.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgement.

Therefore, there is a group of angels who have been cast into hell already, and being kept there until the judgement.

Jude 6, 7

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

These fallen angels – there are two groups. The one group appeared on earth in Noah's time and also after the flood. They appeared in human form and took unto themselves human wives. Humans were born from that union who were always in conflict with God and whose hearts will always be susceptible to satanic influences as well as Demonic possession. There is a saying 'Like father like son'. Thus, if they had these fallen angels as fathers then they would have that same character.

There is another group of angels however, who did not mix with mankind and who are still on the loose with Satan. Those other angels, God says that He had bound them in chains of darkness but the others are powers and principalities such as the prince of Persia etc. who are yet under Satan's dominion to perform his evil works. This is only a short summary and can be looked into with further study.

Genesis 6:1-4

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

The sons of God were none other than the angels; they are called the sons of God. We shall get to those Scriptures as we continue further. The sons of God looked upon the daughters of men and saw that they were beautiful therefore they took upon themselves the form of man. Mankind multiplied upon the earth. This was when they abandoned their habitation, their position as angels and became human beings. Keep in mind, that this is only a short summary to draw your attention to this subject as we shall go into a deeper study later on. Those angels who visited Lot were as men. They were so real that the people of Sodom wanted to commit sodomy with them. They came to Abraham as people when they informed him that they were going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18. Abraham was convinced that they were human. He told his wife Sarah to prepare food for them and they ate with Abraham and Sarah. Then two of them went further on to Sodom and Gomorrah while the One stayed behind with Abraham (and He was none other than the LORD Himself). If you make a study of this you will see that it was the Lord Jesus in human form before His incarnation that had appeared in human form unto man on several occasions.

Thus, the angels had left their habitation and went into the daughters of men and produced children. These children that were born were giants and were called the mighty men of old. They were men of violence, they were mighty men not only in stature but they had great intellect. Many Bible expositors say that many of the legends and mythology of the ancient Greek writings refer to these mighty men, such as the tale of Atlantis and all the different narrations, many of them mere additions and distortions but with faint rings of truth that make you wonder where these stories originated from.

The men of renown were giants who performed tremendous things. Some say that it was these men who built the Pyramids. To this day, there is no engineer or architect with all their knowledge who could build a structure

such as those Pyramids. The blocks of stone are joined in such a way that a knife cannot penetrate in between and yet the cement is so hard that people who have tried to break it broke the stone on either sides of it. How was it done? No one knows the answer to this day. Those Pyramids survived the flood. They were built before the flood. These are tremendous facts of which to make a separate study.

If God wills it, I would love to give a study on the Pyramids in detail. Those passages with their mathematical structures built in such a way that stars and celestial bodies cast their light upon certain spots at exact times. Who built them? In one of those Pyramids the entire Plan of God is portrayed in symbolic, mathematical terms. Who could have done that? The Bible speaks of the mighty men of old, men of renown. We shall go to a few of these Scriptures which will amaze you to think it is in the Bible and you may not have seen it before.

10 The sons of God

Genesis 6:2, 4 – as per the Companion Bible by Dr. Bullinger. This Bible derives its basic text from the King James which corresponds with the Afrikaans Bible. Dr. Bullinger was a very learned and blessed man with deep insight. He wrote these notes of which I have made great use. The Companion Bible can be found in any good library and may also be purchased.

It is only through a specific act of creation by God, for that which is born of the flesh, is flesh. God is Spirit and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. (John 3:6) Therefore Adam is called a son of God. (Luke 3:38) Those who are in Christ, who have the new nature that can only take place by a direct creation of God, (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; John 1:12) are also called the sons of God. (Romans 8:14-15; John 3:1)

2 Corinthians 5:17
17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 2:10
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

And then that wonderful Scripture in John 1:12
12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name.
That is the reason why angels are called the sons of God in every other Scripture where it is used in the Old Testament. (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7; Psalm 29:1, 89:7; Daniel 3:25)

Job 1:6
6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Now, my first point I want to make is this – I have often said this and think it cannot be said clearly enough - we ought always to read the Bible attentively and not merely read over it quickly for then we will never understand it. If the Bible says there was a day when the sons of God came and stood before Him and Satan was among them, then it was an actual event. Is that not true? They were real beings who were literally busy with a real circumstance. What were those sons of God doing there at that moment? Certainly they did not just stand there for no reason. They were there in connection with commands they received from Him and reports they had to share with Him. There was communication and if you would read chapters 1 and 2 of Job you shall also see the communication that took place between God and Satan. When God spoke with them it does not say what He had said to the sons of God but it does say what God discussed with one of them, Satan.

Job 3:25
25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me (There is a sermon and a book available on this subject in our office but unfortunately only in Afrikaans.)

Satan was a high created being. He was one of the archangels and his name was Lucifer but as a result of his rebellion against God, he was cast out of heaven and became the enemy of God. He became the opposer of God for he actually contended with God for His position over the entire universe and was cast down. Therefore, if he stood before God - his only right to stand there - was in regard to God's laws. Therefore, the fact that Job feared, gave Satan the right to stand before God concerning Job.
Job 2:1

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

These are tremendous things spoken of here and these are powerful beings mentioned apart from God and apart from Satan himself. The sons of God – these beings are not illusions. This is not a figment of the imagination. They are real beings as we have already seen in this study and shall see further on, beings that do mighty works and have powerful influence when they stand before God in connection with mighty things. So you shall see also in various other Scriptures. (Job 38:7; Psalm 29:1, 89:7; Daniel 3:25) If you want to make your own study of this you can go into the Scriptures later on.

We have no right to interpret the word in Genesis 6:2, 4 namely 'the sons of God' in any other way. Besides, the Septuagint (the original Greek translation of the Old Testament) translates the term in Genesis 6:2 with 'angels'. In other words, these sons of God were angels and there is no other explanation for it. In cases where they are called the sons of God, that is angels. Angels are also called spirits and spirits are also created by God.

Hebrews 1:7, 13-14

7 And of the angels he saith, who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

You shall also find it in Psalm 104:4. Angels therefore are called spirits, for spirits are created by God. Before I continue further, I would like to show you something interesting in Genesis.

Genesis 6:3

3 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

What is the meaning of this? Now some people say (I wrote it in my book 'After death what then?') and some Bible expositors agree, that when the LORD said His Spirit shall not always strive with 'man', that word 'man', in the original Hebrew is Adam and Adam means 'man'. So let's read it like this: My Spirit shall not always strive with Adam because he is also flesh but his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. From the moment the LORD said that, Adam lived another hundred and twenty years only. When we look in the Bible, we see that Adam lived to nine hundred and thirty years.

Methuselah, the oldest man became nine hundred and sixty nine years old. Methuselah means 'in the year of his death it shall come'. Bible expositors reckon that Methuselah became that old because the LORD had prolonged his grace. Remember that Noah preached for a hundred and twenty years while building the ark for people to repent. The LORD prolonged his grace for a hundred and twenty years there, just as He is doing it again today. Therefore, according to the LORD's Word a name is of great importance and meaning. So if this man's name was Methuselah (in the year of his death it shall come) then he could not die until at the age of nine hundred and sixty nine years. Just before the flood he would die at the age of nine hundred and sixty nine years. Just before him, Adam died. He (Adam) shall not live forever because he is flesh but his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. Very clever Bible Expositors explain it like that, a very interesting thought and let's leave it at that.

Jude 6

6 And angels that kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.

According to Jude there was most certainly a falling of angels. The nature of their fall, these sons of God are described in the verse above. They left their own habitation (oiketerion in Greek). This word is used in only one other verse in the Bible and that is 2 Corinthians 5:2 where it is used in connection with the resurrected body. Let us take a look. It is very interesting and meaningful. I trust you will see my point here for it is very important.

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved (when we die) we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house (our oiketerion) which is from heaven.

That same word is used for the angels who left their habitation. Now these sons of God who looked upon the daughters of man saw that they were beautiful and left their spirit (habitation), their spirit bodies, took on human bodies and took human wives for themselves who gave birth to giants and from this union came a race of which I will tell you shortly. Just as man has three dimensions as we see each other, likewise the Godhead is a Trinity for we are created in His image. When we look at each other we can only see each other's body. We cannot see each other's soul neither each other's spirit, they are invisible.

Therefore this body is our temporary dwelling. It is our home in which we live. If someone dies while the body is still warm it is still the same body, the same eyes - whether blue or brown they will be the same eyes, the same hair but it will be very obvious that person is no longer there in that body. Those of you who have been at someone's death bed will know it – the minute that personality is gone, that body is dead. The person who lived in it is gone. Where to?

Now Paul says when this earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved - when we die - we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. We obtain a spirit body which looks just like the one we had on earth but it is a spirit body. I don't want to go into too much detail now, but need to explain to you otherwise you might not have understood what happened when the sons of God looked upon the daughters of men and brought forth children through that union.
Keep in mind that I am taking these thoughts mainly from the Companion Bible and have written this thought of my own in brackets. (I see it as the body we shall obtain between death and the Resurrection; a temporary or interim body while we wait for our own body to rise up from the grave and to be clothed with immortality. This interim body is a spirit body such as the angels now have.) This is only a thought, but a body that, as far as the angels are concerned, can materialise as God allows the angels who obey

Him. Likewise, Satan does the same for his angels who disobeyed and rebelled against God.
A certain Phil Botha a man who testified that he saw hell and Satan and his demons, tells how he spoke to one of these spirit beings. His name was Korana, he told him many things, showed him many things and took him to different places but he was physically visible. These are deep things but a reality and for us who are nearing the end of the ages very important to know as we shall be increasingly confronted with these things and if we do not know about it we will not be able to cope with it.

Their nature – these fallen angels, these sons of God who left their habitation and took upon themselves human bodies with which to sin – was later referred to as having the same nature as that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Jude 6, 7

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

We know that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah committed sodomy (hence the name) and went after strange flesh. Therefore these fallen angels committed the same sin but now in Genesis 6 we read that the strange flesh they went after was that they had exchanged their spirit bodies for human bodies and had looked upon the daughters of men and saw that they were beautiful and that they fathered children by them. These children were giants and the men of renown. However, not men of good report but bad men, violent men of whom we shall see more further on.

The period of their fall is given as during the days of Noah (1 Peter 3:20) but there could have been an earlier fall as well which could have resulted in the end of that time. (Genesis 1:1-2; 2 Peter 3:6)

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
20 Which sometime where disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Genesis 1:1-2
1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

In my previous studies I pointed out the fact that there is a great gap between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1 and that we can put millions of years between them. That first destruction left the earth void and without form and could also have been caused by the fall of the angels. (2 Peter 3:6) For this sin they are kept in prison to be reserved unto judgement. (2 Peter 2:4; 1 Peter 3:19)

Their offspring (the consequences of their sin) are called the Nephilim (giants). They were monsters of unrighteousness and because they were supernatural by nature and size, they had to be destroyed as we shall see further on – this was the sole reason for the Flood.

We must realise that these angels had rebelled together with Satan against God. Therefore they were cast out of heaven and became the fallen angels. Their nature was evil, rebellious and opposed to God. Now they leave their spirit bodies, take upon themselves human bodies and procreate children by the daughters of man. Of what nature would those children be? Evil – they would not be angels but neither would they be human, a mixture between fallen angel and man. We shall see later on what they looked like. You will be amazed that all this is in the Bible and yet you may not have previously noticed it.

My next statement is one of contention. However, the same thing is repeating itself today. I want to state that if the LORD would preserve His creation and His Plan with this earth, He would have to eradicate these beings completely. After that rebellion which took place in heaven – where

Satan failed to take over the rule from God - he came down to earth in that way to try to take over God's rule here. Although God is all powerful, He created man through whom He wanted to achieve His Plan. Now in like manner if someone would want to harm us, despite our strength in personality or posture, our wisdom and influence we might have, or our wealth – such a person could get to us through our child who is young and inexperienced. If he could destroy your child then he would also destroy the purpose of your life because your life is continued through your children, not so? If you had no child after you, that is where it ends. Therefore if you cannot be destroyed he can endeavour to destroy your child, for you will die eventually as we are all mortals. Now if Satan could destroy God's Child (Jesus) on earth then he has thwarted God's Plan – that was one of his goals and it is exactly the same again today.

Now if he can destroy God's people, his seed on earth which we believe that seed to be the white Protestant Western Nations. People crucify us for claiming this but if only they would search the Scriptures, they would see it in God's Word. There are many forces, an onslaught from hell against us and they are in a hurry. We can see how things are developing and their one intent is to destroy God's people by brutal violence on the one hand and by interbreeding on the other. Satan is trying to degenerate God's people again as before the Flood. The Flood was the only way that God could save his creation which was in Noah, His seed in Noah. He had to judge the world by destroying those beings and to preserve Noah in the ark. God is going to do it again but this time by fire. If we can see this then we already understand more than our statesmen.

Genesis 6:9

9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* Noah walked with God.

Take note of the following - a Just man; a Perfect man; in his generations. This is very important. We see that Noah and his family were the only ones who had kept their generation (pedigree) pure from the time of Adam. In Genesis 6:9 the word 'generations' – his 'family tree' and a 'just and perfect' man means 'without blemish' as far as his race and progeny is concerned, in other words his blood was pure. All flesh was defiled except that of Noah. Take note of the word 'generations' – it is important. All other flesh was defiled except that of Noah. All the others became corrupt because of interbreeding and therefore the descendants of Adam were

destroyed, except Noah. Although they were still living, they were already destroyed because their blood was no longer pure.

Any farmer who breeds thoroughbred cattle can tell you – here in our country and overseas. In Holland for instance, farmers who breed Frisian cattle - they would breed that stock for years until they have the perfect dairy cows. If by chance a bull of another breed came among them then those calves that are born would be destroyed already as far as the thoroughbred stock is concerned. Is that not true? Once the blood has been mixed, how long will it not take to get it pure again if at all possible?

That is exactly what happened here and precisely what Satan is still busy doing. We are informed enough to know and see it with animals but why don't we realise what is happening to mankind? 'We are one' we are told and then the Bible is used to support it. Yet, this very same Bible shows us that it is not the case. This is of the utmost importance and it started there in heaven – a satanic plan.

To summarize, all became corrupt as a result of interbreeding and are destroyed already as the offspring of Adam. The only salvation of the situation was to destroy them (de facto) as they were already destroyed (de jure). In other words, to destroy them literally as they were already destroyed by miscegenation. The original word for 'destroy' of Genesis 6:17 is the same root word as 'corrupt' in verses 11 and 12.

Genesis 6:17

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

Genesis 6:11-12

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

That word 'corrupt' in verses 11 and 12 and the physical destruction of verse 17 is the same word in Hebrew according to Dr. Bullinger, author of the Companion Bible. I have used him as my authority on this. We shall go further into this later on.

This irruption of the fallen angels was Satan's first attempt to thwart the Coming of the Seed of the woman promised in Genesis 3:15. If he could have succeeded in this, God's Word would have failed and Satan's eventual punishment prevented. Can you see the tremendous struggle that was at stake here and the average person knows absolutely nothing of it? Dear reader, whether you know about it or not, you are involved in it. Is that not true? Therefore, it is much better to be informed than not at all.
Genesis 6: 4

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

The moment it became known that the Seed of the woman would come through Abraham there must have been a further irruption of angels as described in Genesis 6:4 and 'also after that' (in the days of Noah more than 500 years after the first irruption). This matter must be understood very well. After which days - after the flood. Therefore these sons of God, these fallen angels tried for the second time at least. The first time was before the flood then God destroyed them. So they tried a second time after the flood and there was a similar interbreeding of fallen angels with the daughters of man. Let us take a look at the words 'and also after that' – after the days of Noah 500 years after the first irruption.

The purpose of Satan was to occupy the land of Canaan before Abraham and in that way dispute the occupancy of Abraham's seed that would come later according to God's promise. We read in Genesis 12:6 that when Abram passed through the land, the Canaanite was already in the land. In our study on the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, we see how this shrewd plan of Satan is reaching its cunning climax today in the wake of Christ's Coming, with the so-called Israeli State that came into existence.

In this same chapter (Genesis 12:10-20) we see Satan's next attempt to interfere with Abraham's seed and to thwart God's plan that the seed should be in Isaac. This attempt was repeated in Genesis 20:1-18. To summarize, this was where in both cases strange kings, the king of Egypt and Abimelech wanted to sleep with Sarah but the LORD intervened, otherwise there would not have been a pure seed of Abraham who was the carrier of the God seed.

This great conflict can be seen throughout the Bible. It is of the utmost importance that this fact should be thoroughly examined in the Bible. However, you will notice that the human instrument had its own personality and function to play but that Satan had his own goal in view simultaneously. Therefore God had to intervene to fend off the great danger of which His servants and people were totally oblivious. This is at the very door once again and the final greatest intervention of all times will be the Second Coming of Christ.

The following great onslaughts of the enemy stand out very clearly.

a. The annihilation of the elect family by famine (Genesis 50:20)

Remember when Jacob was in Canaan and Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers – they thought they had gotten rid of him because of their jealousy of him being favoured by Jacob but it was God's omniscience and providence for the famine that would come over Canaan – if He hadn't sent Joseph ahead to provide bread in Egypt then the family would have starved to death. You may or may not agree but if you follow every strain you will come to realise that this was a satanic attack on the elect family, to wipe them out and thereby thwart God's Plan.

b. The extermination of the male lineage in Israel (Exodus 1:10,15,16, 2:5; Hebrews 11:23)

In summary of these Scriptures - When Israel was in Egypt, Pharaoh told the midwives to kill every male child of the Israelites and that was when Moses was hidden in a basket upon the river. Yet another Satanic assault for if all the male children could be killed then the entire race would automatically become extinct, not so? For the women who remained could then marry Egyptian men. That would not matter as far as the people were concerned, their blood could be mixed but then the Plan of God would be entirely lost.

c. The extermination of the entire nation by Pharaoh's pursuit (Exodus 14)

When Israel went through the Red Sea – if God had not made a way through for Israel and cleft the waters for them to pass through then - that entire nation would have been destroyed there. This was not only the

matter of the nation being wiped out but also the defeat of the entire Plan of God for the Salvation of the world. If only the World and these other nations could realise – the situation in Southern Africa and the things that are happening at present – if only the Black nations in particular could be told that their salvation is actually via the White man. If the White man and his gospel message is destroyed then it will be their end as well. If I could speak to these heathen nations and if they would listen to me, I would tell them 'Your survival lies with the White man – you should honour him and protect him. You ought to give the White man a chance to fulfil his God-given purpose. That will be your salvation too'.

Unfortunately the problem with God's people is still the same today – unless pressure and hard times come, they will not turn to Him. The LORD says 'You are a stiff-necked people'. Only when problems come will our eyes open and the nations will say let us go up to the house of Jacob that He may teach us His ways. This is also the salvation of the heathen that shall remain and those things have not changed.

d. The descendants of David (2 Samuel 7)

After David's lineage for the kingship was chosen, the next onslaught came through Jehoram (he became king after Jehoshaphat) and he slew all his brothers by the sword (2 Chronicles 21:4) so that the house of David became so depleted that it was extremely vulnerable.

e. The descendants of Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21:16, 17, 22:1)

All his children were killed by the Arabians except Ahaziah.

f. The descendants of Ahaziah (2 Chronicles 22:10)

After the death of Ahaziah, Athaliah slew all the royal seed of the house of Judah except for the baby boy Joash who escaped and for six years the honour of God's Word was at risk. (2 Chronicles 23:3)

Please read through this piece of history from 2 Chronicles 22:10 to 2 Chronicles 23:3 to understand the context. Take note - here was this one little boy and with this wicked queen Athaliah after him. This baby boy had to be killed – why? She was unaware of the motive behind her hatred but that little boy was the seed of King David and in him was the seed of the

Lord Jesus according to Scripture. If that little boy was killed then Jesus could not have been born according to Scripture. Do you think it was merely human hatred? No, it was a satanic plan and this is what man should see in world affairs. We are not being confronted by people only but by angelic beings, fallen angel beings. The sooner church and state realise this, the sooner we might find the solution. May the Lord grant us that grace and for our eyes to be opened.

g. King Hezekiah (Isaiah 36:1, 38:1)

There was a double onslaught on King Hezekiah for he had no children and then the king of Assyria threatened him but he made his appeal to God's faithfulness and cast himself upon it. (Psalm 136) This is a wonderful Psalm to read and take note of each verse ending. Every verse ends with the same words and not without reason.

h. Haman (Esther 3:1, 8:3)

During their captivity, Haman, a descendant of Esau, (see our series on The Lost Ten Tribes - how Satan had used Esau throughout the ages up until the end to try and thwart God's Plan) almost had that section of the nation which carried the Royal seed completely wiped out. (Esther 3:6, 12-13, 6:1) If you would like to make a study of this you may read all the above mentioned Scriptures.

i. Joseph (Matthew 1:18-20)

This is now with the birth of the Lord Jesus when Satan tried to exploit Joseph's fear. When Joseph discovered that Mary was with child, he wanted to put her away privately but the angel came to him and told him what had happened. In spite of the Law, he did not want Mary to be stoned, for that would have been the punishment if she had been unfaithful. (Deuteronomy 24:1) Therefore he decided to divorce her privately but God intervened and said not to fear.

i. Jesus as a Baby (Matthew 2)

King Herod wanted to kill the young Child. He slew all the boys less than two years and thought that he had caught the young Jesus in that net. Why

was Herod so cruel and why was he so determined that the child would not escape? Was it merely his hatred? No, it was Satan's plan at work here.

j. Jesus was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:6)

After Jesus was tempted in the wilderness Satan took Him into the holy city and onto the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him 'cast thyself down'.

k. Jesus in Nazareth (Luke 4:29)

In Nazareth there was yet another attempt to kill Him when they tried to throw him from a mountain.

l. Jesus and the storm upon the sea (Mark 4:38)

The storms upon the sea were two more attempts. Remember when Jesus fell asleep upon a pillow in the back of the ship and the disciples came to wake Him up and asked Him 'Master, carest thou not that we perish'? And he arose and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, peace, be still. The wind ceased and there was a great calm.

m. Jesus and the Cross

Finally the Cross was concluded and the grave was sealed, the guards were set up at the grave but God raised Jesus from the dead.

Now this irruption of the fallen angels (sons of God) was the first attempt directed at the human race. When Abraham was chosen, he and his seed were attacked. When David was crowned king, his royal seed was threatened and when the Seed of the woman, the Lord Jesus came in the fullness of time, all hell broke loose upon Him. In these days we're living in we've come to the climax of the ages. The river of evil that wound its way through the millennium has not dried up yet.

n. Michael and his angels in the final battle (Revelation 12:7)

The descendants of these fallen angels and of Satan himself stand at the forefront of the forces of Antichrist who are getting themselves ready for the final blow to wipe out Christianity. Be alert and see who in the ranks of the nations are for Christ and who are against Him. See that you are not

deceived. 'Behold, I have told you before', these are the words of our Lord Jesus Himself. (Matthew 24:25)

Revelation 12:7-9
When reading these verses, please keep in mind that it is not merely metaphorical language. It is not simply figurative speech that is used here. These things are actual scenes that are described to us.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceived the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

There are beings at work here on earth who are invisible to the natural eye but who have been working through people in many ways throughout the ages. I believe that we shall see them manifested in these last days in many other areas and circumstances. We shall see great and tremendous things in the days in which we live. It is closer than you think.

11. The Nephilim Giants

We are now going to take a closer look at these Nephilim or giants who were born of the interbreeding of fallen angels and the daughters of man. (The Companion Bible) These descendants of fallen angels and the daughters of man are called Nephilim in Genesis 6 – which means the fallen (from 'naph al' - to fall). The nature of these beings can only be concluded from Scripture. It is assumed that they were very large in posture but also very corrupt. They were almost inhuman, abnormal beings and their destruction was imperative for the survival of the human race and for the infallibility of God's Word.

Genesis 3:15
Satan is the foremost fallen angel – more of this further on.

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

As soon as Adam and Eve had sinned and realised their nakedness, they hid away from God and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves. The LORD came into Eden calling Adam 'Where are you'? When the LORD found Adam He covered their nakedness with skins and they stood there before God. There God stood, these are not imaginary things. These are not merely spiritual thoughts. They are realities! Did you know that God is a reality?

God appeared on earth in the Lord Jesus. Jesus said, you say 'Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us'. Then Jesus said unto Philip 'he that hath seen me hath seen the Father'. (John 14:9) When He appeared on earth, already in His humiliated state but before his incarnation, it was God who appeared in Him on many occasions. Jacob wrestled with God at Jabbok - it was a literal struggle and he said 'I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved'. Therefore Jacob called the place Penuel. (Genesis 32:31)

God also appeared in Jesus to Manoah. He appeared in Him unto Gideon and God spoke to Israel on Mount Sinai with an audible voice. Here God stood and Satan stood there too, a real being – a human being. Adam and Eve were also standing there and God said to the serpent - that is what he was called (Revelation 12 and other Scriptures) – 'and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heal'. This is not figurative speech – this is a reality! If people would only realise it! So there came the seed of Satan. It was Lucifer. What about the seed of the fallen angels that was also upon the earth? They are the Nephilim which are the giants. That was the reason why the flood came over the world of godless people (2 Peter 2:5) as prophesied by Enoch. (Jude 14)

Numbers 13:33
Here we read of the Nephilim again – the spies came back and reported to Joshua.

33 And there we saw the giants (Nephilim in Hebrew), the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants.....

It can be rightly asked how there could still be giants if they had all perished in the flood? We find the answer in Genesis.

Genesis 6:4

4 There were giants (Nephilim) in the earth in those days (the days of Noah); and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

Take note - 'men of renown', that was the name they acquired for their godlessness and they became known thereby. Take for instance a famous gangster such as Al Capone from the old days in America – he made a name for himself in the news, for the many murders and atrocities he had committed in America. His name was all over television, on radio and in the newspapers. He was a man of renown. Not a good name – a bad name, but this man had made a name for himself through his violence and murderousness. So these men were men of renown and exceeding in evil, far above that which we might read about today. That was only an illustration in order for you to understand.

'After that', after the flood there was a second irruption by these fallen angels, apparently smaller in number and more restricted for they were mainly concentrated in Canaan and were known as 'the nations of Canaan'. The sword of Israel was for their destruction as the flood was for their predecessors. For those of you who have read my series on the Ten Tribes or have recently listened to the tapes – you will remember where I referred to 'in the days of Joshua' when he attacked the land of Canaan. These Canaanite nations fled before him all along the coast of Africa and erected a pillar there to say 'we were the ones who fled before Joshua the robber'. Some of them fled as far as Spain. Many of the dark nations have their origin here.

These are tremendous things and not everyone will agree but you may have read it in my other studies already. I have a book in my library (Bible Research Handbook) which confirms these facts which were taken from the British Museum and from the Assyrian Museum, trivial incidents and events which the average person might not have noticed and might never even know of. We can now see the reason why the LORD had to destroy these nations. They bring with them their customs of witchcraft, invoking the spirits of the deceased. You can see the satanical influence in these customs, where these things come from and why they are practised by these nations. They were constantly trying to pull Israel into doing these

things also. The LORD had told Israel ‘you are a chosen Nation’. I have chosen you to proclaim My Name in contrast to Satan, his name, his teachings and customs. Here we see the two constantly confronting each other. This is a marvellous topic once you’ve tied up all the loose ends and have woven one single thread out of it all and see which way it runs.

The time of this irruption must have been straight after it became known that the Seed would come through Abraham because when he moved up from Haran and entered into the land of Canaan, (Genesis 12:6) this important fact was confirmed. The Canaanites were already in the land. Why do you think that verse is written there? The one who has the eyes to see, already understands it. Satan tried again to jump ahead of God.

Genesis 14:5
In Genesis they were already known as the Rephaims and Emins and had settled themselves at Ashteroth and Karnaim.
5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emins in Shaveh Kiriathaim.

These Rephaims and these Emins were all descendants of that union between the fallen angels and the daughters of man.

Deuteronomy 2:10-11
10 The Emins dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims.
11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emins.

Tall people – I would like to give you a few descriptions of how big they were, for it was these abnormal people who had an abnormal origin.

Deuteronomy 2:20-21
20 That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims.
21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead.

Deuteronomy 3:11-13

11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

Now, a cubit in the days of the Bible was the length of a normal man's arm from his elbow up to the tips of his fingers. That was generally taken as 18 inches. Og's bed was 9 cubits long – that is 13 ½ ft. long. The bed was 4 cubits wide – that is 6 ft. wide. These were the descendants of those people. Take Goliath in the days of David – he came long after but had survived and had a few brothers of whom we read also. Let's see how big Goliath was just to make it more practical so that you can see what we are faced with.

1 Samuel 17:4

4 And there went out a champion out of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

Now a span in the Bible is approximately 10 inches, also using the hand of an average man stretched out. In those days people did not have measuring rods so this was their method of measurements. A span therefore was a man's outstretched hand from his thumb to his little finger, which was about 10 inches. So, his height was six cubits and a span, therefore he was about 9 ft. 10 inches. That is higher than an average ceiling – his shoulders would have touched the ceiling but his head would have made him higher than the ceiling – that's how big Goliath was.

Now keep in mind, these were the nations whom Israel had to drive out of Canaan. Where did they come from? We have seen where they came from and why they were there. For this was God's land and He had a purpose with this land but Satan jumped ahead of God. Before Abraham could get there – the man to whom God had promised it – Satan had already invaded

it – he peopled it with these descendants which are exactly what he is doing again.

Numbers 13:22, 31-33

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, *were.*” (This was now another generation of these giants). (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

31 But the men that went up with him (this is now the spies) said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger that we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

As grasshoppers against these people! Where did they come from? Now dear reader, all these things I have shown you in the Bible - is it not true then? How many people have noticed it? How many of our people know what the implications are and the meaning thereof? If they cannot see that this started in heaven already even before the foundation of the world and that its end is going the same way, people will not understand what is happening in the world today.

Let us continue – I would still like to show you a man who had six fingers on every hand and six toes on every foot. In Genesis 15:18-21 they are mentioned together with the nations of Canaan: The Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaims, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and the Jebusites. (Genesis 15:19-21; Exodus 3:8, 17, 23:23; Deuteronomy 7:1, 20:17; Joshua 12:8) These nations had to be cut off, driven out and utterly destroyed. That was God’s command. (Deuteronomy 20:17; Joshua 3:10) Now you shall see why God did it – many people who criticise the Bible and say we want nothing to do with God, a God who commands Israel to destroy! We want nothing to do with Him. If only they knew the reason why!

Dear reader, I recently received a letter from someone, a very sincere person who was deeply touched by my series on the Ten Tribes and some other books of mine. Then someone else gave him my book on Revelation and he wrote to me and said 'I am utterly frustrated by your book. I have not in any other Bible Exposition (and then he refers to a number of learned names who have written expositions on Revelation) read anything like it. Your book is absolutely revolutionary'. I then wrote back to him and said 'You will yet see many revolutionary things'. If you take the Lord Jesus, He was a revolutionary of His time. He was so revolutionary that they crucified Him. Is that not true?

We shall have to be prepared to stand out for these truths and to proclaim God's Word. There will be those who will listen as I did, thank the Lord and who believe as I do and those of you who listen to me – and so there shall be people who listen to you. The Lord says 'My sheep know My voice and they follow Me' and that was why God said 'Destroy them'.

In the days ahead God is going to destroy them because Israel did not have the courage to do it. The Bible states in many places that the slain of the LORD will lie from one end of the earth unto the other end thereof. They will not be buried, for they will be as dung upon the earth. (Read my book the Book of Joel.) The LORD said to them 'cut them off, destroy them and drive them out' but Israel would not. (Joshua 13:13, 15:63, 16:10, 17:18; Judges 1:19-20, 28-36, 2:1-5, 3:1-7) We do not know how many of them had fled to other countries and thereby escaped destruction. If this could be understood, many problems concerning the Anthropology could have been solved. They are also known among names such as the Anakites who descended from Anak who is also from the Nephilim. (Numbers 13:22) Rephaim was another name renown among them. (Genesis 14:5, 15:20; 2 Samuel 5:18, 22, 23:13)

We see that they were also called Emins, Zamzummims, Horims, Avims etc. (Deuteronomy 10:10-12, 20-22) They were very well-known as Rephaim and the name is often found in the original text but unfortunately this name was translated into different words such as 'the dead', the 'deceased' or 'giants'. This Rephaim will have no resurrection – this fact proves that there were giants and that they were not ordinary people. It is said (Isaiah 26:14) the dead shall not live, they are 'deceased' and shall not rise but in the original Hebrew text that word for dead is Rephaim. All ordinary people shall have a resurrection (John 5:28-29), therefore these

giants must be of another class than the pure descendants of Adam. Isaiah states it very clearly that the ‘dead’ according to the King James (and the Rephaim according to the original Hebrew) are now in hell. (Isaiah 14:9) Solomon confirms it in Proverbs where the word ‘the dead’ is Rephaim in the Hebrew Bible. (Proverbs 2:18, 9:18, 21:16)

12 Examples of their size and strength

Have these personalities disappeared? We do not see generations of giants in the physical anymore. Though there are exceptions on all spheres but there is not a generation of giants in the world that we know of.

Did they not perhaps develop in other terms of giant proportion – as giant figures, giants of rebellion, giants of violence, giants in evil doing, giants in sinister planning? Thereby building the kingdom of Satan – if we look at the world around us and I think you might agree - are there not many such giant figures in the world today? Keep that in mind.

2 Samuel 21:15-22
Now these Rephaim, these descendants of angels and humans – they were beings of large stature, some of them had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot and carried spears that weighed from 10 to 25 pounds (4, 5 – 11,4 kg). These are very interesting facts. The subtitle here is Philistine Giants defeated.

15 Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the philistines: and David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbi-benob, which *was* of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel.

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle, with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew *the brother*

of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.
20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, there was a man of *great stature,* that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.
21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him.
22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Together with Goliath there were five giants. They were all descendants of this union of fallen angels and humans. When you read verse 19 in the King James translation, you will see it says the brother of Goliath, the Gittite was slain. (1 Chronicles 20:4-8)

1 Chronicles 20:4-5
4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *that was* of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.
5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was* like a weaver's beam.

Here we find the giants again. Goliath, who was slain by David, wore a coat of armour that weighed 196 pounds and he was 9 ft. 10 inches tall. (1 Samuel 17:4-6)

Deuteronomy 3:11
This is the description of Og, the King of Bashan – take note of the specifications. His bed was approximately 13 ½ feet – what an enormous man he was. No wonder the spies sent by Moses on God's command to inspect the country, almost collapsed when they saw those giants.
11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

As I have previously explained, a cubit is 18 inches. This is the length of an average man's arm from his elbow up to the tips of his fingers.
If one cubit is equal to 18 inches, then 9 cubits equals (9 x 18) 162 inches.

Which is 13½ft. And the width was 4 cubits. That's 4 x 18 inches, equals 72 inches or 6ft. One mans bed only : 13½ft x 6ft.

The Bible was not written merely to convey a lot of trivialities. I always say in my Bible studies, we should not read the Bible as if it consists only of a bunch of disconnected stories and facts and statements. The Bible is God's message to man and was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is no ordinary book for when we bring all the facts together then we get the overall impression which tells us the full story. If it had to be told in the conventional way, it would need an entire library of books to explain and unravel every detail. Once you have discovered this pattern of the Bible, you can read it for yourself, however under guidance of the Holy Spirit without whom you shall not understand it. Then the Lord shall reveal even more wonderful truths to you.

Numbers 13:33
We have read this previously but let's just take a look at it again in this context – the spies went into the land of Canaan to spy as Joshua had commanded them and they came back and reported what they saw. This is what they said.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Now you can imagine if you had to stand next to Goliath who was 9 ft. 10 inches tall yet short compared to Og, who's bed was 13 ½ ft. long. These spies very aptly said 'we were as grasshoppers in their sight, and in their own eyes'. Those were the nations who had occupied the land before as discussed earlier on but for what reason? Exactly the same is being enacted in Palestine today – a giant of different proportions but of the same nature.

It is possible that the mystery of the Pyramids of Egypt, the gigantic cities of Bashan and the other monuments of gigantic construction, shall remain unsolved until it is accepted that these buildings could only have been built by the enormous strength and expertise of these descendants of fallen angel fathers. This revelation from Scripture concerning the origin of giants gives us a very clear picture of that which the Greek Mythology has tried to portray all along but in vain. The insight that we've gained is reliable because it was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Mythology is merely an

extension of traditions, recollections of the past and legends of the activities of supernatural fathers and their descendants, the giants. Much of it has been distorted and misrepresented through retelling of the true facts concerning these mighty beings. The fact that these giants were partly of supernatural origin resulted in the obvious course that human thinking took and that it was quite natural to esteem these beings as gods – as in the Mythology and traditions. They were most likely the mighty ones of old, the men of renown. (Genesis 6:4 – Companion Bible) These people built the tower of Babel, the Pyramids etc. and were always in opposition to God and no wonder, for their fathers were those angels who rebelled and were cast out of heaven.

13 Noah and his contemporaries

All the people on the earth were corrupted with the exception of Noah and his house. (Genesis 6:11-12) That means that the entire human race on earth had been interbred with these fallen angels except Noah and his family. They alone kept their family tree pure from Adam and that was the reason they were saved through the ark. That is very important and now you may understand why there was not a single person who listened to the preaching of Noah. Everybody was a mixture of the descendants of fallen angels by them. I have repeatedly said in previous studies that when we look around us in the world today, there are certain types of people on earth – though you preach in the language of angels; in the power of the Holy Spirit – they will not accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and now we can see the reason why.

Genesis 6:9
Noah and his family were the only ones who could give the human race a new fresh start after the Flood and yet, there are indications in Scripture as well as from history that the bad seed could have prevailed and came through the wives of Noah's sons. This is a study on its own. Of Noah the Bible says – and this is very important – Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations.

9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

The word perfect in Hebrew is 'tamin' which means 'without blemish'. It is the technical word for bodily perfection, of the un-profaned and not moral uprightness. If you speak of a thoroughbred horse, it has nothing to do with

its soul. The same for example a thoroughbred dog, you are not referring to the soul of that animal. It merely means purebred and that is the meaning of that word 'tamin' in Hebrew. It is very important. The average person shall read over that without knowing what the Bible is saying. They shall think it means Noah's soul but that word has nothing to do with his soul. It simply means Noah's blood was still pure. He was still a pure Adamite and not of mixed blood.

We see what is happening again today - interbreeding. What was at stake then - interbreeding! If God had not intervened and saved Noah, he might have withstood the pressure but what if there had not been a Flood? Through Noah's sons as I've said already, there were indications that their wives might not have been pure, therefore in Noah's grandchildren – how long would they have held up in that tidal wave of interbreeding and remained pure? That is what was at stake then and exactly the same is at stake again today. Noah was pure in race, without blemish.

That is the word used for the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament that had to be pure and without blemish and without any bodily defect. Let us read a few of these Scriptures to see that it meant purebred and not devout or saintly. He was that as well but this word 'perfect' had nothing to do with that but only with his physical composition. The sacrificial animals had to be 'perfect' as well. (Leviticus 3:1-6, 4:3, 23-32, 5:15-18, 6:6, 9:2-3; Ezekiel 43:22-25, 45:18-23; Numbers 19:2, 28:3-11, 29:17-26)

Exodus 12:5
This is a very well-known portion of Scripture. This was the night of the exodus out of Egypt when they had to kill the Passover lamb. Let's look at what it says. What were the specifications of the Passover lamb? It has nothing to do with salvation or with the condition of one's soul, this was an animal.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or the goats:

Exodus 29:1

1 "And this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish." (Tamin)

Leviticus 1:3

3 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish ....

This is important and for this the world would want to kill us and this is what is at stake in these end times. God hates interbreeding. God wants purity in race because He has a purpose and a plan with it. That is why Satan is focused on the core of this cause and is always trying to thwart God's Plan and purpose. Please read the other Scriptures as well.

Psalm 119:1

For uprightness, let us read Psalm 119:1. Of course God requires uprightness of heart as well as purity of race and if we look at this in its entirety we shall see how closely it is connected. As we've seen in the series on the Ten Tribes, it has always been a certain group of nations who have had an ear and a heart for the voice of God, namely the Israel Nations because they still have the purity of God in them but as soon as they become hybridised, the gospel becomes lost.

1 Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD

The use of this word concerning Noah means that he and his sons were the only pure Adamites that remained and it was for this reason that they were kept alive through the ark. They were the only ones whose blood had not been contaminated with the descendants of the fallen angels. They were spared for their racial purity (apart from their own personal devoutness). Thus the LORD did not spare them because they were basically devout people; the LORD spared them in the ark because they were pure Adamites. Their blood was still pure. This is very important and yet I have never heard of any preacher who understands this correctly and neither have I read it in any book. It was because of their purity of race that they were spared in the ark.

Noah and his family survived because they were the only ones who had kept their family tree 'pedigree' pure in spite of the prevailing racial confusion and interbreeding that was brought about by the fallen angels. In our series of studies on the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, we see that Satan is busy with the exact same trick to mix the pure seed of God's people through racial mixing and that God will have to intervene once more (but

this time with fire) otherwise there will be no pure Israel people left for the Lord Jesus to come and reign over according to Scripture.
According to Scripture and according to the prophets, (otherwise all the prophets are liars) when Jesus comes there must be a pure Israel people on earth for Him to reign over. Unless there is a pure Israel nation, Jesus cannot come back according to Scripture and God will be made a liar. This is a very serious matter. Satan has tried his best to get hold of the King, the Lord Jesus. Through his agents he struck Him, He was crucified and buried but rose again on the third day to live unto eternity. He is now seated at the right hand of God far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come. Satan cannot touch Him anymore but now he is lashing out in his anger towards Israel in a final attempt to destroy the Plan of God and His Kingdom.

He has two objectives for destroying the Israel nations, either by brute force or by miscegenation. It doesn't matter which one of these objectives succeeds. He will be totally satisfied with either one, for then he has thwarted God's Plan – exactly as he was trying to accomplish before the flood and which he is now busy doing again.

As I've said before and it is important – there are many things in nature and the universe that move in cycles, in waves, as the tides for example. Winter has just ended and spring is at hand, the trees are budding, the leaves have started to appear. Before we realise it summer is here but soon after it will be autumn again and winter etc. You can find these cycles in the human body too – anyone who knows the human body will know it has a rhythm. There is rhythm in nature, light moves in waves or rhythm as well. Electricity and radio work with these waves and likewise does history move this way. Jesus said at His Coming it will be as in the days of Noah once more. Now that which was so pertinent in the days of Noah is the very thing we must look out for again in these days. All of us who are Christians today and say that the Coming of the Lord is at hand, should look for those things that occurred in the days of Noah and therefore in Matthew we read the following.

Matthew 24:37-39
37 But as the days of Noe (Noah) *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, (that means they were gorging themselves and drinking excessively, as today) marrying and giving in marriage (cross-colour, without any regard for the purity of race – is that not exactly what is being forced upon us today – swopping wives, divorcing and remarrying another, according to certain commentators), until the day that Noe (Noah) entered into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood came (as people today have no idea of what is actually happening) and took them away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

You can already understand it much better but you shall see more of this in finer detail as we continue further.

14 The Snake of Genesis 3

When God created Adam and Eve, the devil was already a fallen angel and the opposer of God. This is of the utmost importance! He would also become the murderer of mankind and the father of lies. If the fallen angels who had followed him in his rebellion against God could have left their seed on earth when they married the daughters of man and had children, why would Satan not have done it himself? Was he then not the head fallen angel? The figurative language that Satan used in the Garden of Eden was merely to emphasise an important fact.

When the following two Scriptures refer to the dragon as that 'old serpent' who is the Devil and Satan (Satan means opposer) then it is quite clear that it was none other than the devil himself who tempted the first man Adam and it was not a snake**.** Just as the figurative speech of 'dragon' had to depict the cruelty and fearsomeness of the enemy of our souls, likewise the 'serpent' had to typify his deceitfulness, attraction and seductiveness.

Revelation 12:9
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 20:1-2
1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

The history of the world will end more or less the way it started, keep this in mind.

Genesis 3:1

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

The Hebrew for 'serpent' in Genesis 3:1 ('beasts' means living being) is 'nachash' which means to blow, whisper or mumble as a magician does. To a certain extent it also means to divine or to charm with the intent to bewitch or to mesmerise as a snake does before catching its victim. It also has the meaning of to shine or to shimmer as bronze or copper. Certain Scriptures tell us that Satan has an extremely charming appearance and this Hebrew word also includes the meaning of to charm and to bewitch.

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch." (This was the type of people that were in the land – whose offspring were they? - those of the fallen angels and people.)

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

Remember which nations were in that land and you shall see the connotation. Those nations were the Rephaim or Anakims. They were the

giants to whom I had previously referred, the sons of God who went into the daughters of man before the flood, but also thereafter. Remember where I said in Genesis 18:16 - when Abraham went into Canaan – the Canaanites were already there. This is how Satan always jumps ahead of God to get a head start in God's Plan. However, the Lord Jesus is coming to establish His Kingdom on earth and that is where the Capitol shall be – the city Jerusalem – in that promised land of Palestine, but who is there already? Look carefully, all these aspects work together. See the kind of people that are there now and think upon the days we are living in. 'Nachash' gives the meaning to all of this.

Numbers 21:6, 8-9
Likewise the word 'Saraph' which means to burn or to be elevated as in Numbers 21:6 and translated as 'fiery Serpent' in verse 8, the word 'nachash' is used again in verse 9.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Isaiah 6:1-2, 6
This same word 'Saraph' is also used for the heavenly beings in Isaiah.

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

The word 'seraph' is therefore used for both 'fiery serpent' and for a glorious 'heavenly being', just as 'nachash' is used for a 'serpent' as well as a glorious 'spirit being'.

2 Corinthians 11:3, 14
The 'nachash' or serpent who seduced Eve with its cunning is described in verse 14 as an angel of light.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

We ought to believe God's Word and pay attention to His Word. For this is a dangerous fact and if Satan could have done it then he can do the exact same thing again today. When you read this entire portion of Scripture, you shall see that he even uses preachers; he uses people through whom he operates. Have we not therefore a clear indication that it was not a physical serpent but a glorious being, most probably an angel, for Eve had such great respect for him that she ascribed supernatural wisdom to him as if he was of an apparent elevated order and not of a lower order than her?

Ezekiel 28:11-19

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty (Take note, for this king of Tyrus could not possibly have been human – you will see, when all is taken within its context, that it was Satan himself who was addressed as the king of Tyrus, who was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.)

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God (This is not a mortal being, for he was in Eden, the garden of God) every precious stone *was* thy covering. (Notice what a magnificent and glittering being was described here to us. He is already full of wisdom, perfect in beauty, he must have been an exquisite looking man and he was in Eden, the garden of God and all manner of precious stones covered him) the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (And now hear what he says to him)

14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub (in other words you were an angel) that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (This mighty and splendid being covered in precious stones, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, who sat upon the holy mountain of God, who walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire – iniquity was found in him. What was this iniquity?)

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 (Here is his sin.) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more. (His heart became full of pride because of his beauty and wisdom.)

Isaiah 14:12-15

Now let’s have a look at the parallel Scriptures in Isaiah.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, (That is the holy mountain of God, in other words, I want to exalt myself above God) in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

What actually happened in heaven is this cherub, this son of the morning, this magnificent being wanted to exalt himself above the Lord Jesus, the Son of God. The moment pride entered into him, he was cast out of heaven. That is why Jesus said in Luke 10:18 that He saw Satan fall from heaven as lightning. He took a great number of the angels with him and

they are those who took the daughters of man to be their wives. You will see further on what this cherub did who is none other than Satan, the old serpent, the morning star.

Luke 10:18
Let us now look at what Jesus said when He warned his disciples against the same sin.
18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

When you bring these together you see that Satan fell from heaven and that is where sin originated and where the battle between God and Satan began and which is described to us throughout the Bible.

Genesis 3:1
1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Take note, the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field. The word 'beast' in Genesis 3:1 means 'living beings' from the word 'chay' in the original, just like 'zoa' in Revelation 4 is translated to 'living beings'.

Therefore, it is said of Satan that he was more cunning than all the other living beings that Jehovah Elohim had made. Yet, even if the word 'beast' should be kept, it does not say that either the serpent or Satan was a beast but only that he was more cunning than any other living being.

We cannot imagine how Eve could have had a conversation with a serpent but we can quite easily understand how she could have been bewitched by someone who apparently was an angel of light, an elevated angel and who was higher and had supernatural knowledge. It is amazing that the word 'nachash' is generally translated as enchanter, to captivate and to bewitch or as one who has occultist powers and uses them. (Deuteronomy 18:10; 1 Kings 20:33; 2 Kings 17:17, 21:6)

I don't want to be dogmatic about the following statement I'm going to make, as I have not made up my own mind about it yet but when you read all these Scriptures, you will see that many of these forefathers of Israel had done these things. Even Jacob had been acquainted with these things

to some extent. Joseph did too. Just to show you how close God's own elected seed came to this, therefore we must be extremely careful. There are many Christians today who are busy with occult practices without even realising it. There are many churches mostly English churches, Methodist churches, Anglican churches and groups who practise many of these things.

Genesis 30:27

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

Learned by experience – from the root word 'nachash' which means 'divining' and Laban was the man who fathered the wives of Jacob (Rachel and Leah). Look what these people were busy with.

Genesis 44:2-5

Here we see what happened with Joseph's brother when the silver cup was found in his bag.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them. Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he devineth? Ye have done evil in so doing.

By putting this cup in Benjamin's sack, Joseph wanted to put fear in his brothers but this was the cup that Joseph used for 'divining'? Remember, Joseph was in Egypt, far away from his father and although Joseph remembered God and that the LORD had protected him from sinning with Potiphar's wife - and he had said 'how can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?' – yet, he was not without taint. Notice here what Satan was already busy with. When I noticed this for the first time, it made me shudder.

Let's take a look at Genesis 44:15

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? (Again from the root word 'nachash' – the same word that was used for 'serpent' in Genesis 3:1)

Let us look at other Scriptures.

Leviticus 19:26

26 Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

You may not have anything to do with divination.

Numbers 23:23

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, what hath God wrought!

Now this is important in Genesis 32. Just before Jacob came to Jabbok and was on his way back, after he had gotten two wives and cattle and heard that Esau was approaching and the angels of God met up with him. When you read Genesis 32 you will see that one of the first things that Jacob did, was to clean out his house. He got rid of all the idols in his house – so he also had these things in his house. In his great anxiety, he cleaned out his house first. Let us take this to heart for ourselves. There is a lesson here, we also need to clean house in our own lives for in this hour of trouble we are going to see that the Lord will bring Israel as a nation to a point of cleaning house.

We are full of strange gods. We are full of strange customs. Our nation is intermingled with it. Take for instance our newspapers. I was pierced in my heart a few years ago when I saw for the first time that the newspapers printed horoscopes and what the stars foretell! That is fortune telling! Those are the things God rebukes and condemns. Many staunch Christians, a great many of them out of mere ignorance I'm sure, practise these things. What do my stars say or what do the signs in the heavens tell me? These are all occult practices where Satan works and has positioned himself already.

The following Scripture is of Balaam's prophecy and good to see that he could not see it in Israel at that moment.

Numbers 24:1

1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

This man Balaam was a divinatory and he was a magician and therefore Balak called him to come and curse Israel but God did not allow him to do so. Instead of enchantments, the LORD allowed only the pure Word of the LORD to come through Balaam's lips. Thus, when Satan is referred to as a 'serpent' it is merely by implication, for if he is called that, it is as far from reality as when Dan is called a serpent in Genesis 49:17 or when Nero was called a lion (2 Timothy 4:17) and Herod a fox (Luke 13:32) or when Judah was called a lion's whelp. (Genesis 49:9) It is of similar meaning when the teachings of the Pharisees are referred to as leaven. (Matthew 16:6) It merely suggests symbolically what the true and actual meaning implies.

When it says in Genesis 3:15 that it shall bruise thy heel, then it has a much greater implication than in the natural. It is a prophecy of the most majestic but solemn victory over Satan. The Seed of the woman, Christ, would achieve this by paying a very costly price, and Satan would eventually be destroyed - 'He shall bruise thy head'.

It was actually through the death of Christ that he who got the power over death was destroyed by death itself, whereby all his plans and power would be brought to an end and all his works destroyed. (Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 20:1-3, 10)

Genesis 3:13-15

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

What literal words could bring out these literal facts better than this metaphorical language? Look carefully at what it says lest you do not know what I mean. It is the same metaphorical language used in Genesis 3:14 where it says 'upon thy belly shalt thou go'.

This metaphorical language means far more than the literal belly of flesh and blood just as the words 'heel' and 'head' in Genesis 3:15. It portrays to us in the mind's eye, a picture of Satan's eventual humiliation. To lie prostrate before someone has always been the utter form of submission. When it says in Psalm 44:25 'our belly cleaveth unto the earth' it indicates such an absolute and deep resignation that cannot be conveyed nor spoken in literal words. Likewise it is with the other judgement 'and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life'. (Genesis 3:14) This is not literally true and the serpent does not eat dust either but it is faithful to the real meaning of the punishment.

Likewise when Christians are reprimanded for biting and devouring one another, (Galatians 5:14-15) then it is much deeper and more heart-breaking than the literal meaning of the words. Christians do not literally bite and devour one another. It is figuratively meant when we destroy each other with our words and our actions towards one another. We bite each other. We hurt each other. We destroy each other in many ways that is what he means. When 'his enemy shall lick the dust' (Psalm 72:9) it does not mean they will literally stand on their knees and lick the dust with their tongues but that they shall be so utterly defeated and cast down, that no words literally could describe their defeat and resignation.

Where the serpent was called a 'nachash' later on, it was only because it exercised a bewitching influence over the other animals and if that was seen as wisdom, then it was merely because of its ability to hide itself so cleverly and not because of any inbred wisdom it possessed. It was also called that because of the connotation with Satan (the old serpent) which seduced Eve. (2 Corinthians 11:3, 14) It is quite amazing how it could ever have been assumed that a serpent could speak without vocal organs or how Satan could have performed such a miracle. It would have been a

greater miracle than the one that God performed when he made Balaam's donkey speak.

It only goes to show how powerful the handing down of tradition can be - that picture of a 'snake' and an 'apple' that was imprinted on one's mind since childhood – the first, a wrong interpretation of Scripture and the second an invention of imagination, which is unscriptural. Never was Satan's wisdom applied more cunningly than when this tradition was accepted universally. It succeeded by drawing man's attention to the letter and method and blinded their eyes to the solemn fact that the fall of man was solely as a result of disobeying God's Word and that man sinned by adhering to the lies of Satan rather than believing in the Truth of God.

The temptation of the first man Adam began with the question 'hath God said'? The temptation of the second Man, the Lord from heaven started with a similar question 'If thou be the Son of God'? After the voice of the Father had scarcely died down that said 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased', the devil came to Eve and said 'Yea, hath God said'? He came with a question. (Genesis 3)

Likewise he came unto Jesus in the wilderness – remember, after the Lord Jesus had been baptized in the Jordan when He came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and a voice from heaven said 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him'. The Father confirmed from heaven that this was His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased. Then Jesus went into the wilderness and Satan came to Him with the words; remember He is in the wilderness all alone, there is no one to talk to, no voice with Him and then He hears Satan's voice 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread'. Isn't it terrible? Can you see it, it is exactly the same – again with a suggestion of untruth, a suggestion that God is a liar and that is exactly what he is still doing.

All evolved around the truth of what the LORD God had said. After the Word of God had been placed under suspicion in the mind of Eve, it led her in her answer to Satan to leave out the word 'freely'. Compare Genesis 3:2 (Eve) with Genesis 2:16 (God).

Eve: 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden'.
God: 'Of every tree of the garden thou mayest *freely* eat!'

She added the words ‘neither shall ye touch it’**.** Compare Genesis 3:3 (Eve) with Genesis 2:17 (God).

Eve: Said that God said ‘Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die’.

God: ‘thou shalt not eat of it’ and changed a certainty into a possibility.

Compare Genesis 3:3 (Eve) with Genesis 2:17 (God).

Eve: ‘lest ye die’.

God: ‘thou shalt SURELY die’.

It is exactly the same with us. Satan will first bring God’s Word under suspicion in our own hearts and lives. Therefore we must be vigilant for he always comes with something else. The moment God’s Word has been distorted in your own mind; Satan has gained the victory over you.

Therefore it is very significant that the first words that the second Man used in His ministry was precisely that ‘It is written’ and repeated them three times. Today it is still our only weapon. We cannot argue with Satan, we must resist him with the Word. Therefore we must know God’s Word so that we can say It is written, It is written, It is written!

John 17:17
His last words of ministry were a similar threefold confirmation of the written Word of God. (John 17:8, 14, 17)

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The previous temptation succeeded because the Word of God was distorted three times. The last temptation was effectively beaten because the same Word was repeated truthfully and pure. (The Companion Bible)

15 Seed of the Serpent

This brings us to a better understanding of the LORD God’s intention when He said ‘And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed’. (Genesis 3:15)

It does not refer to the offspring of the serpent here but to the offspring of Satan. In other words, just as the fallen angels had offspring on earth among men so also does Satan. The head fallen angel has an offspring on earth and therefore there would be a continuous enmity between Satan and

the woman and her seed and his seed. Satan is the craftiest one of all and can camouflage himself or hide himself just like the serpent. Both he and his seed and all their evil doings throughout the ages would not be recognised that easily. Just like the serpent that hides itself so well, Satan and his seed can hide themselves and have done so through all the millennia and cannot be easily recognised until God's Word shines on it like a flash light and then you will see it. That is why most people are blind and will tread on a snake and not even know it.
We read that the Lord Jesus said to those Pharisees - who were always looking for an opportunity to kill Him - that they are of their father the devil. (John 8:44) The Lord Jesus never insulted anybody, He simply spoke the truth. Thus it was a powerful fact which He confirmed, a fact which originated there in the garden of Eden and will come to an end only when Satan and his seed are finally destroyed in the final battle against God. (Revelation 20) He calls these Pharisees serpents, a generation of vipers and the children of them which killed the prophets. Therefore they are of that same seed that would be born of her seed. (Matthew 23:33; Luke 11:50; John 10:26)

In the parable of the tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) we read of the tares that were sowed among the wheat and that the wheat is the children of the Kingdom and the tares are the children of Evil (the devil). (Matthew 6:13) Deliver us from evil, that is from the devil – therefore there are children of the devil. There is therefore also a literal seed of the devil which will be identified by the angels only and then also only at the harvest – the end of the world.

In various Scriptures we read also of the children of Belial (which means the Wicked). Deuteronomy 13:13; Judges 19:22, 20:13; 1 Samuel 1:16, 2:12, 10:27, 25:17-25, 30:22; 2 Samuel 16:7, 20:1, 23:6; 1 Kings 21:10, 13:2) We see here that the sons of Eli were such scoundrels or sons of Belial. Esau, born of the same father and mother as Jacob was of that other seed. So much so that God said 'Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated'. (Malachi 1:3; Romans 9:13) God loved the sinner – where then does this attitude come from? In the series on the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel we go into this topic in greater detail. The explanation is certainly that they are from the seed of Satan and therefore, like Rephaim that are from the fallen angels, they cannot convert to God, they are not of His sheep. (John 10) We read that Cain was of that wicked one and the first murderer, he

killed his brother Abel. Why - because his works were evil and that of his brother righteous. (1 John 3:12)

Here the seed of the Serpent (Satan) had already made its first assault on the seed of the woman, but Cain was also the son of Eve? Is this perhaps where sin originated, that Eve was beguiled in the same way that the sons of God (the fallen angels) had seen that the daughters of man were beautiful and took them as wives?

Genesis 6:4

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

Were Cain and Abel perhaps twins, the one conceived of Satan and the other by Adam? Dear reader, it is of the utmost importance for us to take note of this, to look into it, for there are facts of such incidents in history. There are reports of women who gave birth to twins who were conceived by two different men. For instance, there was an incident where a woman gave birth to twins; one was black and the other white. It was discovered that she had slept with a black man and soon after with her husband who was white and the children were born, one black and one white. I asked a medical doctor if this was possible and he confirmed that it was.

We ask the question, where does this serpent seed come from which the Lord Jesus very clearly identified? Where do those words come from in John 8:44 where Jesus told the Pharisees that they were not the children of Abraham but of their father the devil? Where does 1 John 3:12 come from then that says 'Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous'.

Genesis 4:25

Read what Eve said of Seth.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: for God, *said she*, hath appointed me another **seed** instead of Abel, whom Cain slew

Amen

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A matter of importance, which became clear to Neser, was that Israel was neither the Jew nor the Church. It was with gratitude that he eventually discovered the great truth, namely that Israel was in fact the Germanic, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples.

With the imminent Second Coming of Christ, Israel will come to a true regeneration, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and with Jesus the Messiah as their King, they will lead the world back to a state of perfect harmony with God.

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At its best, the cold impersonal scientific view of the universe is that of mind over matter and at its worst it sees the universe as a soulless machine. In contrast to this the Bible portrays it to be full of living personalities.

My sincere desire for you, dear reader, is to see and recognise the heart of the message. It is not merely the quoting of verse upon verse or line upon line but in this introductory, I would urge you to focus on the fact that we are busy with the things that are not seen. In this study we are going to see that there are personalities, some of which are angels who are involved in our lives on a much deeper and direct level than we could ever realise. We are going to see what their activities were in the days of the Bible and what the Bible has to say about that and what the Bible has to say concerning their role and purpose in the last days. Should we not therefore be tuned in and alert to recognise their doings, for the Biblical view is of living personalities all around us? The Bible acknowledges the Law of revelation, of the Will of a Godly Creator who is wisdom, love and power, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Ephesians 3:15
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

These beings in heaven and upon earth form a family circle which exists within two territories as it were and yet they are one in their entirety. It is therefore not surprising when we see that members of the family circle administer the laws of the universe. These two groups of family circles of which the one family is the *visible* (of course it is us) and the other family circle, the invisible which consists of the angels. We are much more connected than we could ever imagine. By merely perceiving that of the senses or the material and refusing to believe in an order of spirit beings simply because we cannot see or feel them, would make us the victims of our senses and this would be truly tragic. We must not deprive ourselves of such a greater life.